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ABSTRACT

This special Kids Count report examines the well-being of Arkansas' children, focusing on opportunities for children for arts education, physical education, and recreation; the report also links statistics on education and aesthetics with students' reading scores. The statistical portrait is based on 23 indicators of child well-being in six categories: (1) demography (number and percent of population under age 18); (2) technology (public-access computers in libraries); (3) commitment to aesthetics (arts education, physical education, extra curricular activities); (4) resources for public education (enrollment and per pupil expenditure); and (5) outcomes for children (children scoring at grade reading level). The report's introduction highlights the importance of a childhood enriched with opportunities in the arts and physical activities, describes the benefits of such enrichment for child well-being, and discusses the school's role and the public's role in providing access to aesthetic-enrichment programs and physical education. Following introductory remarks, the indicators are defined. The bulk of the report then presents information for each indicator for the state and for each county. The report notes that the unavailability of information on aesthetic programs was a major obstacle in compiling the report. Findings suggest the commitment of resources by local governments to aesthetic opportunities, while showing the possible academic outcomes for children based on their exposure to extracurricular activities. The report does not assert that the indicators are solely responsible for the outcomes but rather follows the posture of current research linking aesthetics to academic outcomes. Appended are tables delineating the indicators for each county. (KB)

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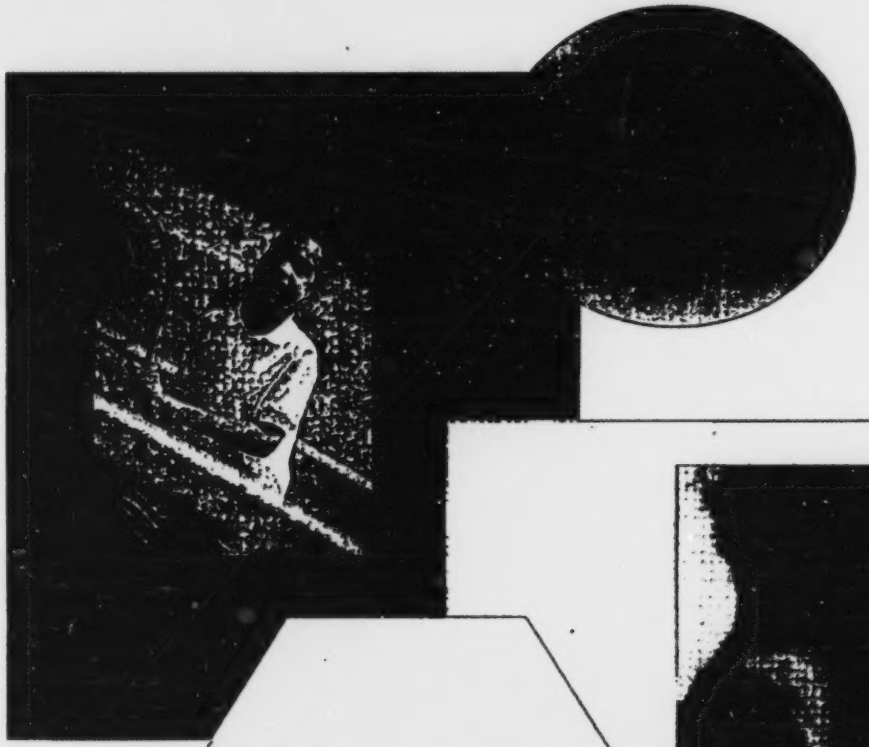

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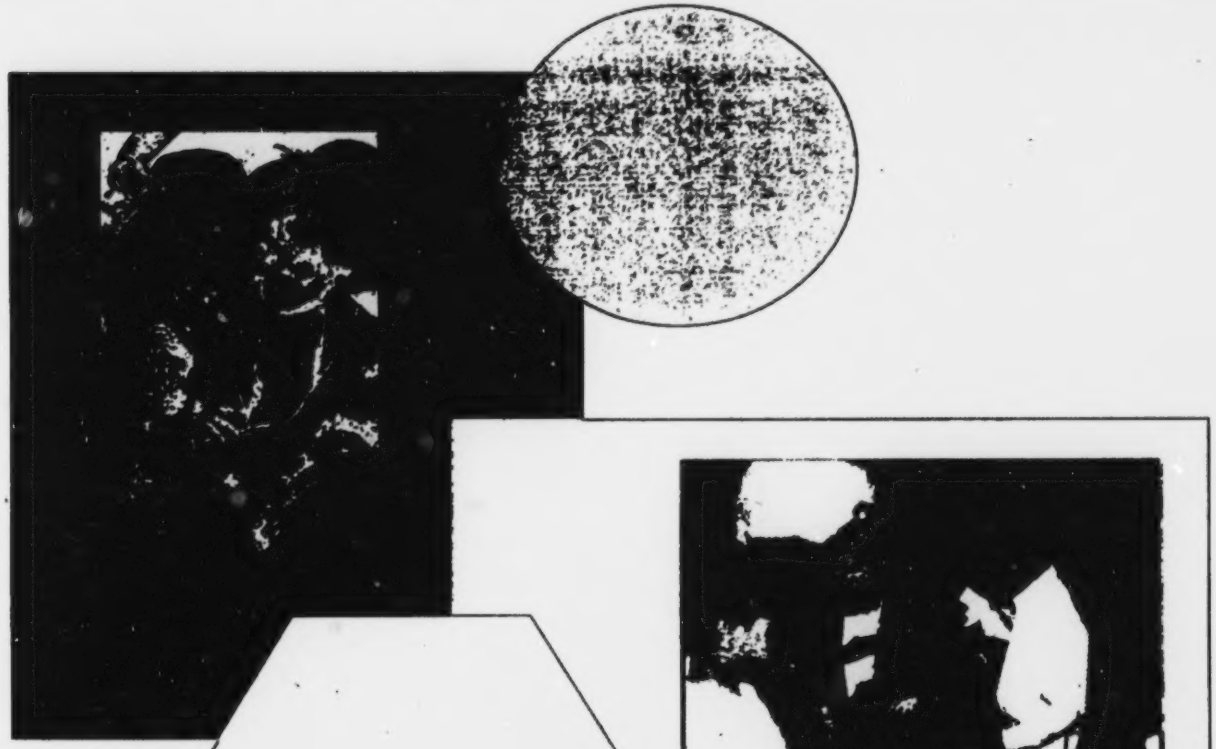

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Introduction

"Art and appreciation of art constitute a general capacity or talent of man, and should be cared for early. ... A universal and comprehensive plan of human education must, therefore, necessarily consider at an early period singing, drawing, painting, and modeling; it will ... treat them as serious objects of school. Its intention will not be to make each pupil an artist, ... but to secure each human being full and all-sided development, to enable him to see man in the universality and all-sided energy of his nature, and particularly, to enable man to understand and appreciate the products of true art." -Froebel

In all cultures, parents seek to give their children the best possible childhood experiences – both life's basic needs and life's aesthetic needs. Past centuries have witnessed increased participation in the labor market by parents and a parallel increased desire to expose their children to more opportunities. Whether enjoying a day at the playground, arranging play dates with other children, or enrolling their children in dance, piano and karate lessons, parents want to enrich their children body *and* soul. Parents commit their children to these extra activities while still spending quality time themselves with the children despite busy day-to-day schedules. In an age of child prodigies in golf, music, drama and mathematics, parents seek to avail their children of every means of an enriched childhood. This endeavor is usually so the children – or the parents, in most cases – may discover their strengths and talents and explore them to an even deeper level, in hopes of the best and brightest avenue to success and self-fulfillment.

Parents in Arkansas are no different than any other parents in wanting to endow their children with a rich childhood. And, like anywhere else, the ability of parents to provide their children with such aesthetic richness depends on the resources – time, money and good health – available to them. The National Survey of America's Families reports a decline in the national percentage of children taken on outings by their par-

ents or guardian.[1] From the report, a higher percentage of these children are in less socio-economically-advantaged (below 200% of the federal poverty line) families. Time and money are directly related. Working parents are going to find it harder to juggle their careers and parental duties than will stay-at-home parents. The other side of this is that stay-at-home parents may not be as financially able to provide their children with the more expensive enrichment options. While Arkansas may be a rural, poor state and some parents cannot afford such extra-curricular activities, not all avenues of childhood enrichment require huge financial obligations. Some avenues depend, instead, on the community and what it offers to children.

Changes in the home and the nation, such as increasing numbers of parents in the workforce and usage of indoor-only toys and electronics, are possible explanations for changes in the way children are entertained. The technology boom directly affects children by making it easier to play in ways that may not foster physical or academic growth. In fact, some of these games can be played by just one individual, eliminating the opportunity for children to play in groups and develop social-interaction skills. Children in Arkansas face an even larger challenge: the infrastructure and personnel needed to access physical activity, music and art are not evenly distributed across the state, making the problem a combination of lack of access and reduced interest in these programs. This combination forms a wall that must be dismantled, ensuring free access to physical and aesthetic resources for all Arkansas' children.

Even though the parents start out being the primary providers of childhood-enhancing opportunities, other institutions take over this role as children grow. In Arkansas, most physical and aesthetic activities are left to the schools, churches, and to a lesser degree, community groups. The family institution has nearly relinquished all its duties in providing school-aged children with these developmental needs. Gone are the days when children organize themselves into groups depending on who shows up on the playground to play a game of soccer or basketball. Now, community sports are organized leagues, which has its advantages but does not offer the average-athletic or non-athletic child to just work out or find out about the game.

Research

Research has identified childhood as a critical determinant of future achievement and identified various ways of stimulating the brain in this formative period. Various parts of the brain are developing during childhood, and research has discovered the effective function of these parts later in life can

be enhanced by activities such as listening to music, reading and being read to, painting, etc. In a similar vein, participating in physical activities as a child has a positive effect on physical health and future achievements in the adult years. These same aesthetic activities are also associated with better academic performance, social confidence, leadership spirit, and other positive traits.

Two sound conclusions have emerged on the impact of extra-curricular activities and the arts on children: 1) stimulation of cognitive development; and 2) amelioration of the healing of certain diseases. The cognitive benefits are found in research pertaining to song and dance, which is believed to be the predecessor to speech, asserting that music is humanity's original language. Indeed, mothers in every culture sing to their babies because infants respond positively to musical stimuli. Various studies have illuminated the different benefits of music, arts and sports participation, especially with regard to academic and social success.

A recent report[2] characterizes the arts as means of developing skills and abilities across the curriculum and nurturing and facilitating young children's aesthetic development. It highlights the importance of the arts as, though not limited to, the following:

- The arts benefit socio-emotional development by providing opportunities for expression of thoughts and feelings[3] and facilitating social skills between peers as they work in small groups.
- The arts strengthen psychomotor developments through the use of large and small muscles while refining eye-hand coordination.[4]
- The arts encourage cognitive development in children.

Furthermore, sound is used as an adjunct therapy for recovery from strokes and head injuries. It is also used in operating rooms to relax patients and stabilize their body systems. Research has shown that music is effective in relieving pain and frustration in patients with Alzheimer's, AIDS, autism, and a host of physical, emotional and mental impairments. In The Mozart Effect, Don Campbell explains that apart from its healing effect, classical music has a soothing and enriching affect on babies. In The Role of Arts in Health Care, Fred Bendheim shares various positive experiences in which the therapeutic effect of arts is illustrated.

Apart from its inspirational effect, dancing is an inexpensive way of keeping fit. Experts say dancing burns calories, boosts energy, improves circulation and tones muscles. It can relieve tension and stress and improve mood while serving as an outlet for creativity.

A host of examples exist to validate all these findings. Here are three:

- In the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities' 1996 report Coming Up Taller, at-risk youth showed increased motivation to learn and improved academic performance when participating in after-school and weekend art programs.

- In The Case for High School Activities report by the National Federation of State High School Association, some positive results associated with extra-curricular activities are 1) better attendance records, 2) higher grade-point averages, 3) lower dropout rates, and 4) fewer discipline problems. Students involved in extra-curricular activities learn self-discipline, build self-confidence and develop skills to handle competitive situations.[5]

- An analysis of 1995 data by the Department of Health and Human Services found that students who spend no time in extra-curricular activities are:

  - 57 percent more likely to have dropped out of school by the time they would have been seniors;
  - 49 percent more likely to have used drugs;
  - 37 percent more likely to have become teen parents;
  - 35 percent more likely to have smoked cigarettes; and
  - 27 percent more likely to have been arrested than those who spend one to four hours per week in extra-curricular activities.[6]

Nancy K. Dess affirms all these findings. "Long-term musical involvement reaps cognitive rewards – in language skills, reasoning and creativity – and boosts social adjustment. In short, music exercises the brain.[7] Killing music programs deprives children of intellectual, personal and social benefits." Echoing Dess, the Art Education Partnership states that the arts are the embodiment of human imagination, the record of human achievement, and the process that distinguishes human beings as human beings.

Public Policy

Although most states have yet to legislatively acknowledge the importance of these findings, some states have taken steps. In 1998, Florida legislators passed two laws requiring state-funded early child care centers to expose children to 30 minutes of reading and classical music each day.[8] The laws' goal is to foster early childhood brain development by providing the children with "an environment rich in language and music." In Georgia, former Gov. Zell Miller requested

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lawmakers appropriate funds to purchase and distribute classical music tapes and CDs for newborns, but no such appropriation was made. During its 2001 legislative session, the Arkansas General Assembly passed a law requiring public-school students have no less than one hour per week of physical education instruction, including no less than 20 minutes of physical activity three times per week.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."
-Albert Einstein

PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

Apart from improving the quality of life and body-and-soul wellness, physical activity and good nutritional practices also increase the length of life. According to the Center for Disease Control report Physical Activity and Good Nutrition: Essential Elements for Good Health, poor diet and lack of exercise is the second leading actual cause of death in the United States. In fact, following tobacco – the cause of 20 percent of all deaths – poor diet and lack of exercise is the actual cause of 14 percent of all deaths. These two factors together cause more than double the actual number of deaths due to alcohol, the third leading actual cause of death.[9]

Habits are developed during childhood, and once deeply ingrained, are difficult to change. This stresses the need for helping children develop good and healthy nutritional and physical activity habits. Schools and communities play a vital role in encouraging these good physical-activity habits. Children can imbibe good nutritional and physical habits if the schools teach, practice and model the importance of such habits. Many schools focus on team sports, but these should not be used to replace the physical-activity need of all students. Communities can also encourage physical activity in children by offering more sidewalks and cycle paths. Arkansas communities are not pedestrian- or cycler-friendly; most city streets in the state do not even have sidewalks.

How physical activity impacts health:[10]

- Reduces the risk of dying prematurely
- Reduces risk of dying prematurely from heart disease
- Reduces risk of developing diabetes
- Reduces the risk of developing high blood pressure
- Helps reduce high blood pressure
- Reduces risk of developing colon cancer
- Reduces feeling of depression and anxiety
- Helps control weight
- Helps maintain healthy bones, muscles, and joints
- Promotes psychological well being.

Obesity

Lack of physical exercise can lead to serious consequences. For example, 33.4 percent of Arkansas adults are overweight, placing the state 19th nationally for this indicator. Being overweight is defined as possessing a body mass index (BMI) of greater than 27.8 for males and greater than 27.3 for females.

Obesity may not be considered by many to be an eating disorder, but it does fall in this category. Bulimia and anorexia nervosa are the more widely known eating disorders. Most insurance companies do not cover any costs associ-

ARKANSAS YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

Number of Students Overweight

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
BY GRADE			
9th	231 (24%)	220 (42.3%)	454 (33%)
10th	241 (20.5%)	240 (38.6%)	481 (29.4%)
11th	139 (18.3%)	132 (50.6%)	271 (34.4%)
12th	116 (21.7%)	115 (41.7%)	231 (31.6%)
BY RACE			
African American	117 (12.5%)	117 (37.7%)	235 (25%)
Hispanic	29 (n/a)	16 (n/a)	45 (n/a)
White	543 (22.5%)	548 (45.5%)	1,093 (34%)
All Other	33 (n/a)	18 (n/a)	51 (n/a)
Multiple	2 (n/a)	9 (n/a)	11 (n/a)
BY AGE			
< 15	270 (25.5%)	295 (40.7%)	568 (33.3%)
16-17	361 (19%)	335 (45%)	696 (31.8%)
> 18	100 (20.3%)	78 (n/a)	178 (30.5%)

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NATIONAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION EXAMINATION SURVEY

Arkansas High School Students Overweight[11]

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
BY GRADE			
9th	217 (14.3%)	199 (8.8%)	416 (11.7%)
10th	235 (11.1%)	229 (7.3%)	464 (9.3%)
11th	134 (12.8%)	127 (8%)	261 (10.4%)
12th	113 (12.3%)	113 (11.4%)	226 (11.9%)
BY RACE			
African American	106 (15.9%)	102 (8.8%)	235 (25%)
Hispanic	27 (n/a)	16 (n/a)	45 (n/a)
White	528 (12.3%)	523 (9.1%)	1,093 (34%)
All Other	31 (n/a)	16 (n/a)	51 (n/a)
Multiple	2 (n/a)	9 (n/a)	11 (n/a)
BY AGE			
< 15	259 (15.5%)	269 (8.9%)	528 (12.2%)
16-17	347 (11.1%)	322 (7.5%)	669 (9.3%)
> 18	95 (n/a)	77 (n/a)	172 (13%)

PEDIATRIC NUTRITION SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (PNSS)[12]

Arkansas Weight Data of Very Young Children

	UNDER WEIGHT	OVER WEIGHT	LOW BMI*	HIGH BMI
IN THE DELTA				
< 1-year-old	1.4	26.7	n/a	n/a
1-2	3.0	11	2.8	16.3
2-4	3.0	5.7	4.8	7.5
Total	2.5	11.8	4.1	10.4
OTHER REGIONS				
< 1-year-old	1.6	20.4	n/a	n/a
1-2	3.4	9.5	3.1	13.2
2-4	2.4	6.3	3.8	8.9
Total	2.4	10.6	3.6	10.3
UNITED STATES				
< 1-year-old	3.2	9.6	n/a	n/a
1-2	3.2	13.5	n/a	n/a
2-4	2.2	8.1	n/a	n/a
Total	2.8	9.9	n/a	n/a

* Body Mass Index = (weight in pounds x 705) / (height in inches x height in inches)

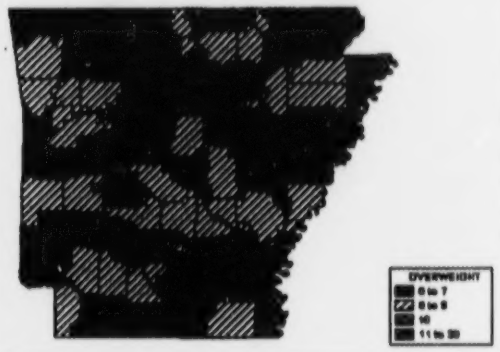
ated with the specific treatment of eating disorders; however, treatment for physical and psychological illnesses – of which an eating disorder may be a part – are often covered by insurance companies. Nutritionists and dieticians are an integral part of treating eating disorders; however, the costs of these services are also not covered by most insurance companies, unless the nutritionists and dieticians are working in concert with a psychologist. If an eating disorder cannot be directly linked to a physical or psychological illness, treatment costs will have to be absorbed by the patient. Therefore, parents seeking treatment for their child's eating disorder are often at a loss because of the costs involved, and the child goes untreated. The difficulty in getting eating disorders treated also makes collecting data about them difficult because if there are no patients, no data are recorded.

In state and national surveys, 32.2 percent of Arkansas high school students regarded themselves as "slightly" or "very" overweight. This percentage may not vary significantly among children in the Delta and other regions of the state. According to the Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System, 10.4 percent of children under age 4 in the Delta are "overweight;"[13] in the other regions of the state, the percentage is 10.3 percent.

Diabetes

In a report[14] examining diabetic children in Arkansas, the incidence of Type 2 diabetes in children increased by 800 percent between 1981 and 1995. Type 2 diabetes is non-insulin-dependent diabetes and was formerly considered a disease of adults only. Unlike Type 1 diabetes, a significant association was recorded between Type 2 diabetes and obesity in the report. In another report,[15] the decrease in physical activity and increase in obesity were cited as possible explanations for the emergence of Type 2 diabetes in children.

Percentage of Overweight Very Young Children, According to the PNSS



THE SCHOOL'S ROLE

The school is one of the major institutions providing children access to the aesthetic-enrichment programs. Arkansas schools provide fine arts and recreation through its teachers, school curricula and events, and other special outside resources. Even though Congress has included learning in the arts in the national goals for education,[16] in Arkansas, as in other states, one of the first things affected during budget shortfalls is the number of fine arts teachers.

PER-PUPIL EXPENDITURES

Arkansas vs. the United States

	UNITED STATES	ARKANSAS
1996-97	$6,392	$4,840
1998-99	$6,662	$4,679

Per-pupil expenditures in Arkansas lay way below that of the nation, and in recent times, has witnessed even further decline. Arkansas' per-pupil expenditures range from well above the national average to way below the state average. The Witts Springs School District in Searcy County boasts the highest expenditure at $8,523, and DeQueen School District in Sevier County, the lowest at $3,710. A conclusion cannot be drawn as to how this affects the amenities and resources available to the children in each county, but the historical pattern suggests the first subjects to be impacted by the unavailability of funds are the arts and physical education.

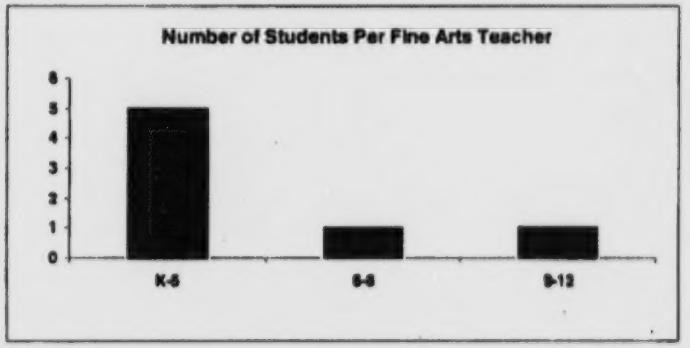
Given research results that show the importance of aesthetics to a child's developing brain, physical education and fine art teachers constitute a lower percentage of teachers in the early grades where they are needed the most. However, students in higher grades have more access to fine art and physical education teachers probably because of the half-credit of P.E. and the arts required by law to graduate high school.

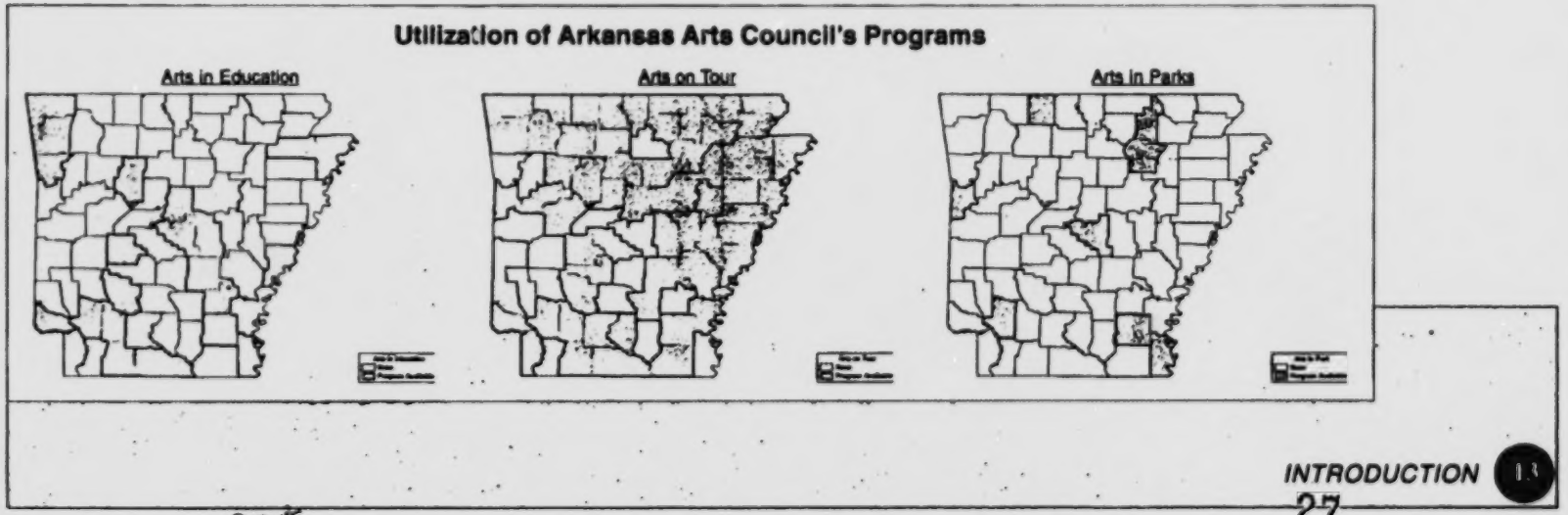
The Arts

Arkansas is one of 26 states requiring a fine art credit – art, music or drama – for high school graduation, although this is not required for college entrance. The fine art is valued at a half credit and equal to one semester class time. Current State Board of Education policy requires music and art to be taught in all grades. In K-6, the regular classroom teacher may teach these subjects, but in grades 7-12, a certified specialist must teach the subjects. Based on the National Standards for Arts Education, new standards for the subjects' con-

tent have been adopted, and Arkansas has developed a framework for these disciplines. In addition, the state has voluntarily established benchmarks in the arts of what students should know in grades K-4, 5-8 and 9-12. Arkansas is one of the few states that does not have a minimum set for the amount of time to be spent with children in K-5 on the arts, and like 50 percent of the states, no state assessment measure exists for the arts in schools.

The Arkansas Arts Council The Arkansas Arts Council provides grants around the state so children can be exposed to a wide variety of art-enrichment activities, including Arts on Tour, Arts in Education, and Arts in Parks. In the Arts in Education program, artists work teachers who do not teach the arts to include the arts in their curriculum in a creative and interactive way. Arts Council information indicates that long-term use of the Arts in Education program has the most lasting impact on school children. A short-term Arts in Education





residency program that lasts four to six weeks is also available. The Arts in Park and Arts on Tour programs are any programs open to the public that involve any of the performing and visual artists on the Council's roster. In 2001, these two programs merged.

Excellence in Arts Education: What Does It Look Like?

What are the hallmarks of good arts education programs? Look for the following indicators:

- Arts are required courses for all students, and are based on expectations or standards.
- Certified, enthusiastic arts specialists teach all basic arts courses.
- Arts curricula include comprehensive, sequential instruction responsive to students' developmental needs and skill levels.
- Arts programs focus on basic skills of learning about, talking about, and creating/performing art, rather than on art as enrichment.
- Students' arts knowledge is assessed regularly to ensure that high standards are met.
- Students and teachers are provided adequate supplies, equipment, and space.
- Arts teachers are provided time and encouragement to develop interdisciplinary programs with other teachers.
- Arts teachers invite professional artists into the classroom to provide deeper knowledge of artists' work and training, to work on special projects, and to provide artists-in-education experiences.
- Students experience special programs offered by community cultural institutions.
- Arts teachers have the opportunity for professional development experiences.

The Arts Council operates on a $2.5-million annual budget. Of that, $1 million is from the state, and the remaining is from grants and gifts. For the most part, the Council's programs are free.

Between July 1, 1999, and June 30, 2001, Arts Council grantees served 1,359,240 children (this number includes children attending more than one Council program). The majority – 452,133 – of these encounters was through the Arts in Education, Arts in Parks and Arts on Tour programs. Only 11 of Arkansas' 75 counties did not take advantage of any of these Arts Council programs.

Funding for the Arts The National Endowment for the Arts funds art programs in all 50 states and six territories and communities (Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, District of Columbia and Northern Mariana Islands). On average, the federal *funding* in Arkansas is 16 cents per capita -- compared to the national average of 11 cents per capital -- ranking the state 27th. The state funds the arts at 51 cents per capita, ranking the state 42nd. In 2001, Arkansas' total per capita arts *expenditure* – including federal, state and private money – was 81 cents, ranking the state 42nd. The state with the highest per capita expenditure is Hawaii ($5.40 total; $5.01 state-only), while Texas is the lowest (26 cents total; 23 cents state-only). The national average expenditure (using just the 50 states) is $1.78 per capita.

CASE STUDY: THE STUDIO FOR THE ARTS IN POCAHONTAS (RANDOLPH COUNTY)

" ... Because we serve a level of society that is historically underserved, we will be making a positive effect on the quality of life of these consituents." -- Andee Evers, executive director

The Studio for the Arts is a 14-year-old nonprofit organization committed to serving families from all walks of life, especially low- and middle-income families in Arkansas. The organization's foundation is firmly rooted in the belief that art is for all levels of society, not just the "country-club set," and has worked to make that belief a reality. The Studio focuses on developing the creative ability of children and their families. Pocahontas is a city of 6,000 people, but The Studio manages to reach people all over the state.

The areas of emphasis are:

- Educational Programming, after-school arts classes and arts outreach activities
- Imperial Dinner Theatre, professional-level dinner theatre
- Imperial Players Tour Company, artists ages 8-18 actively involved in the Arts on Tour program.

Programs:

- After-school classes for children and adults in classical ballet, acting, jazz dance, clogging, visual arts and voice.
- Free school outreach activities including interactive storytelling, demonstrations and lectures.
- Studio Players Jr. Tour Company, a regional company of young actors ages 8-18 who tour with the Arts on Tour program promoting leteracy and creative self-expression.
- Summer Intensive Ballet camp
- Work-study program that allows students and adults to work so they can pay for classes or tickets to performances.

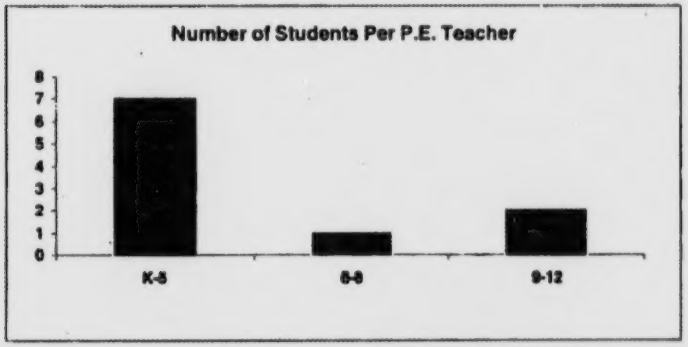
As part of the educational vision of the organization, The Studio for the Arts is embarked on an Arts on Tour outreach program in September. Specifically, The Studio worked with the Northeast Arkansas HeadStart centers to create and implement a literacy-rich arts curriculum.

"Joy is but the sign that creative emotion is fulfilling its purpose."

-Charles Du Bos

Physical Activity

While the need for physical activity exists and its benefit is clearly supported by research, the concept is still not embraced by Arkansas' public schools. Like in other parts of the country, Arkansas' schools focus more on competitive team sports as a means of offering students physical-activity opportunities than on more general physical activities available to all students. In fact, physical activity and competitive team sports go hand in hand to compliment each other. Participation in physical activity can highlight a student's athletic ability that can then be utilized in team sports to make such teams more competitive. Whether or not a student's athletic ability is used on a school's sports team, all students should be encouraged to participate in physical activities. Students should not have to be athletes to get physical-activity opportunities at school. Physical activity will influence children's living styles as adults.



A 1999 survey shows that 68.7 percent of Arkansas youth "did not attend" any daily physical education class, and 60 percent "were not enrolled" in any physical education class.[17] State law requires grades K-8 to offer physical education, but until 2001, no guideline directed the amount of physical education students must have. During the 2001 legislative session, the General Assembly passed a law requiring so many hours of physical education and activity for all public-school students. Nothing requires that P.E. be taught by a certified physical-education teacher. In 9th-12th grades, a certified physical educator is required to teach physical-education classes, and schools must offer a minimum of one credit (120 hours of instruction) of P.E. every year. To graduate, high school students must complete a half credit of P.E. during the four-year high school period.

Surprisingly, Arkansas is not alone in its lackadaisical attitude about physical activity in school. Of all the states, only Illinois mandates a daily P.E requirement for all public-school students. The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) advises that students in all grades should participate in daily physical education for the entire school

year, including students with disabling conditions and in alternative-education programs. The NASBE further advocates that students in elementary grades should participate in physical education for at least 150 minutes during each school week and high school students should spend 225 minutes per week participating in a physical activity. Arkansas schools should give the NASBE recommendations due consideration and be proactive in their approach on the issue.

The argument still exists that sports distract students from other aesthetic programs, such as band, choir and debate, and overall, data show that more students are involved in athletics. But, more importantly, the data suggest that if the schools don't move away from team-based physical activities, a significant gap in health outcomes will be created between athletes and non-athletes and between boys and girls.

"If there is anything that a man can do well, I say let him do it. Give him a chance."
-Abraham Lincoln

ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION SURVEY

Number of Students Involved in Extra Curricular Activities

	9th GRADE		10th GRADE		11th GRADE		12th GRADE	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
MUSIC								
Band	1,149	1,269	1,553	1,905	1,126	1,487	892	1,129
Orchestra	14	41	52	74	42	74	55	57
Choir	449	1,197	696	1,877	610	1,429	736	1,283
SPEECH								
Debate	7	4	52	52	34	50	42	43
Drama	54	97	238	444	314	391	313	435
Quiz Bowl	26	32	31	23	37	34	38	37
SPIRIT								
Cheer Squad	9	613	16	825	17	733	20	620
Drill Team	5	148	6	276	2	325	9	227
SPORTS								
Football	2,321	0	2,851	0	2,491	0	2,186	0
Golf	294	40	326	67	360	83	287	52
Gymnastics	0	36	0	30	0	33	0	15
Soccer	231	143	348	212	294	190	254	173
Swimming and Diving	28	70	54	91	47	90	32	65
Tennis	116	143	226	185	196	195	167	161
Track and Field	1,108	801	1,187	816	1,001	636	653	398
Volleyball	0	370	0	529	0	386	0	303

THE PUBLIC'S ROLE

Arkansas' Parks

Arkansas boasts a unique combination of nature's scenic offerings. Validating the state's motto, "The Natural State," Arkansas is split into six geographical regions, each with its own characteristics and beauty:

- the Ozark Mountains
- the Arkansas River Valley
- the Ouachita Mountains
- the Gulf Coastal Plain
- the Mississippi Delta
- Crowley's Ridge.

Citizens and tourists can enjoy all of Arkansas at the state's 47 state parks and historic memorials, five national parks and historic memorials, 46 national forest recreational areas, and 19 Corps of Engineers park projects. In acreage, Arkansas ranks 39th in the nation with 51,000 acres of land devoted to state parks. Arkansas ranks 35th nationally based on the number of people visiting its parks.

In 1996, Arkansas passed Amendment 75. This amendment approved an eighth-cent dedicated to Arkansas State Parks, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Department of Arkansas Heritage, and the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission. From this tax, Arkansas State Parks receives $19 million annually to repair, renovate and improve the state-park system.[18] Since this money does not support park programs, most parks charge an average minimum fee of $1.25 per person.

Apart from state-maintained parks, most communities across the state maintain city parks for their residents. For example, the city of Little Rock maintains 49 city parks for its residents. City parks are funded with user fees, sales taxes, property taxes and other local taxes; the federal government may provide some funding passed through state government. However, the bulk of a city's operational budget comes from user fees, which means these parks probably don't attract tourists and stand a higher chance of being ill-maintained. This also explains why some city parks are in derelict condition.

Arkansas 4-H

The mission of the Arkansas Cooperative Extensions Service's 4-H program is to improve the quality of life in Arkansas by helping children, youth and families realize their full potential. The programs provide formal and informal community-focused experiential learning to develop skills that benefit youth throughout life, foster leadership and volunteerism, and strengthen families and communities. Children and adults of all ages can participate in 4-H.

STATES' PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS, 1997[19]

Park Acreage, Park Visitor Count, Park Revenue

			REVENUE	
	Acreage (1,000)	Visitors[20] (1,000)	Total ($1,000)	% of Operating Budget
UNITED STATES	12,484	783,400	59,054	44.6
Alabama	50	5,826	23,321	83.5
Alaska	3,289	4,055	1,930	38.2
Arizona	46	2,245	4,287	41.6
Arkansas	51	7,773	12,998	53.8
California	1,356	115,741	63,183	34.4
Colorado	348	11,767	10,264	57.4
Connecticut	176	8,140	3,611	40.1
Delaware	17	2,724	5,594	44.2
Florida	511	13,741	23,459	50.6
Georgia	71	13,691	16,927	33.4
Hawaii	25	15,071	266	4.8
Idaho	42	2,286	3,341	46
Illinois	401	40,391	5,369	13.6
Indiana	178	17,548	23,361	107.1
Iowa	63	12,404	2,900	31.9
Kansas	29	6,690	3,200	52.5
Kentucky	43	8,636	41,964	64.9
Louisiana	39	1,339	2,478	22.9
Maine	587	1,963	1,654	25.4
Maryland	292	10,559	9,614	32.8
Massachusetts	277	13,169	3,523	11.1
Michigan	266	23,416	32,511	88.5
Minnesota	247	8,331	10,250	47.7
Mississippi	24	4,745	5,994	43.5
Missouri	135	16,706	5,909	23.8
Montana	51	1,371	1,117	22.9
Nebraska	133	9,491	12,196	72.7
Nevada	132	3,131	1,532	23.1
New Hampshire	154	910	5,575	104.3
New Jersey	334	14,570	7,142	27
New Mexico	91	3,202	3,345	25.2
New York	308	67,006	54,106	45.1
North Carolina	144	10,701	2,541	16.5
North Dakota	20	1,095	719	36.5
Ohio	204	58,122	23,061	41.4
Oklahoma	71	15,997	20,585	98.5
Oregon	92	39,678	12,077	41.7
Pennsylvania	283	34,387	12,077	19.9
Rhonda Island	9	3,046	3,039	50.6
South Carolina	82	9,518	14,630	69.5
South Dakota	94	6,442	6,235	76.7
Tennessee	135	26,938	23,921	53
Texas	629	21,618	12,897	39.6
Utah	114	7,301	6,565	35.3
Vermont	65	897	4,950	93.3
Virginia	66	4,903	5,457	41.8
Washington	263	48,539	10,905	35.7
West Virginia	196	7,971	15,559	58.6
Wisconsin	127	15,235	10,454	69.7
Wyoming	127	2,171	683	14.8

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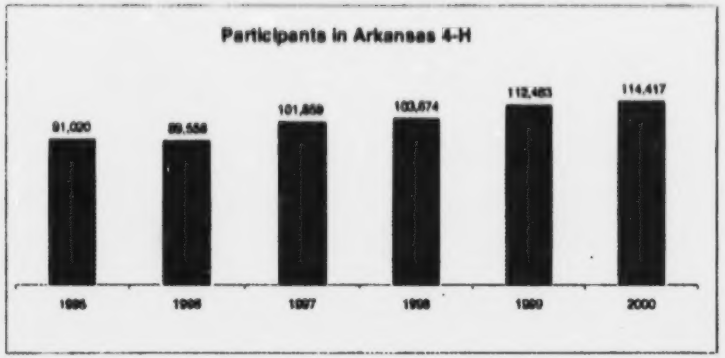
"Any activity becomes creative when the doer cares about doing it right, or doing it better."
-John Updike

ARKANSAS 4-H

Participation by Grade

	TOTAL
Kindergarten	11,198
1st Grade	8,269
2nd Grade	9,052
3rd Grade	12,469
4th Grade	15,953
5th Grade	12,211
6th Grade	9,441
7th Grade	6,605
8th Grade	6,023
9th Grade	4,558
10th Grade	4,946
11th Grade	5,017
12th Grade	3,006
Post-high School	969
Not In School	3,021
Mentally-disabled, over age 19	1,679



ARKANSAS 4-H

Participation by Program and Gender[21]

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Members of Organized 4-H Clubs (Organized group of youth led by an adult with planned programs through the year)	5,026	5,733	10,759
Special Interest Programs, Short-term Programs, Day Camps (Specific learning experience taught by Extension staff or trained volunteers)	27,809	29,009	56,818
Overnight Camping Programs (Extension-planned educational experience outdoors including at least one night away from home)	551	733	1,284
School Enrichment Programs (Learning experiences supporting the school curriculum)	41,663	42,512	84,175
Individual Study, Mentoring, Family-learning Programs (Self-directed, planned learning independent of formal group setting and with little adult involvement)	1,446	1,509	2,955
Child Care Education Programs (Educational programs outside school hours to provide care for children whose parents are working)	3,697	3,049	6,746
TV/Video Programs (Learning experience via broadcast TV, satellite or closed-circuit TV)	9	16	25
TOTAL (Unduplicated)	56,108	58,309	114,417

ARTS, RECREATION AND CHILDREN IN 2001

This report seeks to provide information on the quality of life available to children in Arkansas on the smallest geographical level available – by county. A major obstacle faced in compiling information on aesthetic programs available to children in Arkansas is the unavailability of such information, especially at the county or city level. This report is intended to create awareness about the importance of gathering and keeping such information in the future.

Indicators hint at the commitment of resources by local governments to aesthetics opportunities, while showing the possible academic outcomes for children based on their exposure to extra-curricular activities. In an effort to encourage communities to provide more resources to enhance a children's capacity to develop better reading and language skills, this report links retrievable statistics on education and aesthetics with reading scores. Although the statistics shown in this report are not the only factors driving academic outcomes in children, aesthetic opportunities play a large role in enhancing the development of young children, especially in the formative years. While the report does not necessarily conclude that the indicators are solely responsible for the outcomes, it does follow the posture of current research linking aesthetics to academic outcomes.

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Definitions of Indicators

Population under 18 in 2000:[22] the population of children.

Percent of population under 18 in 2000: this varies by counties. In some counties, children constitute a higher percentage of the population than others. This may lead to a high-dependency ratio if there exist a low working population and will affect the amount of local funds collected through taxes. A graphical comparison is made between the percentage in the state and each respective county.

Number of children in the public schools:[23] although the number of private institutions of learning has increased in the last century, the public schools still serve majority of the children in the state. This number captures those students under age 18 who are attending public schools in each county. It does not include children who are home-schooled, attend private school, attend schools outside their home county, have not started kindergarten, are high-school dropouts or graduated before their 18th birthday.

Percent of children in public schools: the number of children in public education in each county compared to the state average.

Children scoring at grade reading level: this number shows the percentage of students scoring at grade level (at or above the proficient level) on the Arkansas Benchmark Exams. The exams are written and designed by Arkansas teachers for Arkansas schools. Currently, the exams are given each spring to students in grades 4 and 8. Exams are being developed for students in Grade 6, as well as high school students. Results from the Benchmark Exams will show how well a student is doing at a particular stage of the child's schooling. The areas tested are reading, writing, and mathematics although this report focuses just on the reading and writing. Across the state, a significant difference exists between the percentage of students reading at proficiency level for each grade. Most school districts showed a marked reduction by 8th grade. The Arkansas Department of Education offers various reasons for this reduction: 1) what the students are taught in higher grades is different from what is assessed, 2) by 8th grade, children are less patient with assessments and do not take them seriously and 3) the 8th-grade students are not as prepared for the assessment as the 4th-grade students. Although these reasons may offer some insight into the difference between the two grades, they fail to explain why some districts have differences of more than 50 percent between the grades. Officials at the Department of Education say the differences have been noticed and something is being done.

Number of teachers teaching the arts: this provides an opportunity to compare the number of music, drama and fine arts teachers available to the children in the public schools. In some counties, this ratio is so high that it will be difficult for teachers to be able to effectively cater to the aesthetic need of the children. Most likely, this indicator varies by school district within each county. These statistics are generated from the Arkansas School Information Web site (www.as-is.org) and give duplicated counts, but the difference is not significantly different from the unduplicated counts. This will be reflected in all the statistics involving the number of teachers in each county.

Percent of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts: since the school is the major institution providing aesthetic opportunities for school-aged children, this indicator shows the distribution of teachers in other subjects compared to the arts for grades K-5. This is broken down into the three-school system (elementary, middle and high school) because the availability of teachers varies between these schools. In most counties, this percentage is especially low for grades K-5, which are the years when the children need to be enriched most.

Percent of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts: the distribution of teachers in other subjects compared to the arts in grades 6-8.

Percent of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts: the distribution of teachers in other subjects compared to the arts in grades 9-12.

Number of teachers teaching P.E.:[24] in some counties, this ratio is so high it will be difficult for teachers to cater effectively to the aesthetic needs of children. Some inter-district/school variances occur within each county.

Percent of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E.: the distribution of teachers in other subjects compared to P.E. for grades K-5.

Percent of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E.: the distribution of teachers in other subjects compared to P.E. for grades 6-8.

Percent of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E.: the distribution of teachers in other subjects compared to P.E. for grades 9-12.

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Number of students to each P.E. teacher: the ratio of students to P.E. teachers for grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. This number was obtained by dividing the number of students by the number of teachers teaching in that school level. It should be noted that the numbers are just an estimate because some schools may share the same teacher and report the number twice while others may report it just as one teacher. Hence some duplicity, insignificant as it may be, is possible in some of the reported numbers.

Number of students to each arts teacher: the ratio of students to arts teachers for grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. This number was obtained by dividing the number of students by the number of teachers available to teach these subjects in that school level. It should be noted that the numbers are just an estimate because some schools may share the same teacher and report the number twice while others may report it just as one teacher. Hence some duplicity, insignificant as it may be, is possible in some of the reported numbers.

Art programs available:[25] the Arts Council is a major provider of services and funds in the state. The Council provides grants and other opportunities to public schools. Some schools/districts have still yet to tap into this opportunity for their students. Other arts programs are available in schools, but are not reported here because these programs are not available all across the state or the data were not available.

Number of children participating in art programs: the number of children participating in each school-related program sponsored by the Arts Council through one of its grantees. This number should be regarded as the maximum of children attending multiple programs and will duplicated.

Other programs available: the Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs program is provided by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Number of schools participating: the number of schools participating in the Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs program.

National or state parks: those parks listed by county on the Arkansas State Highway Map. A few of the parks fall between county lines.

Activities available in parks: the infrastructure of the parks will determine the types of activities available to visitors.

Number of children in Girl Scouts: this is one of the traditional programs available to children that provide an opportunity for them to develop social and self-improving attributes that will be beneficial to them throughout their lifetime. The Girl Scout Council provides the number for each county. These numbers are estimates because the number is collected under Girl Scout districts that do not necessarily follow county lines.

Number of children in Boy Scouts: this is another traditional program that is available not just in the state but all over the country. Certain important life skills and morals are learnt through most of their programs. The Boy Scout Council provides the numbers for each county. These numbers are estimates because the number is collected under Boy Scout districts that do not necessarily follow county lines. The number for the 10 counties under the DeSoto Area Council could not be broken down; therefore, it is not provided on the county pages but is reflected in the state total.

Number of public-access computers in the libraries: computer use has two impacts on children. The detrimental aspect is that it promotes physical inactivity in children and may reduce their social interaction with their peer but its strong advantage lies in its providing children with skills that will help them in their academics.,Most of the computer available in the libraries will be used mostly for academics and less for games. The numbers are provided by the Arkansas State Library extension services in each county.

Number of youth in 4-H: the number provided for the state and counties are unduplicated.

"A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark."
-Chinese Proverb

The Quality of Life in Each County

Arts, Recreation & Children in Arkansas 2001

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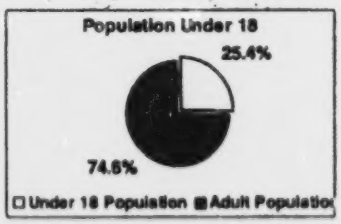
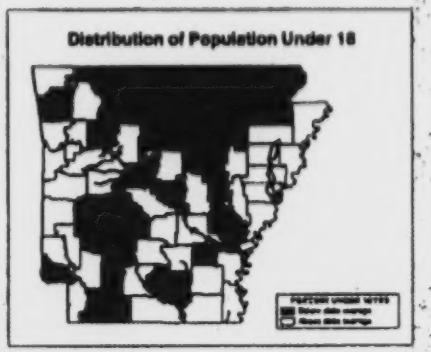
State of Arkansas

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **680,369**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.4**





TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **845**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education (2000-01)

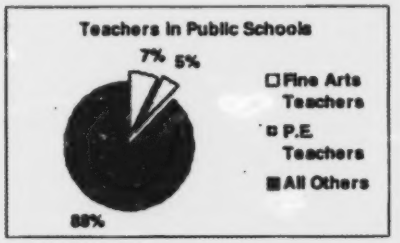
Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **2,411**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **344 (2.5)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **936 (10.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **1,131 (9.5)**

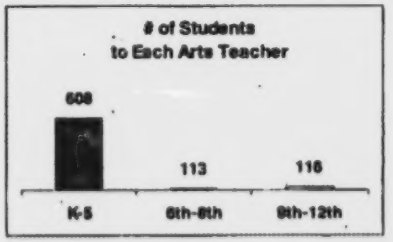
Physical Education (2000-01)

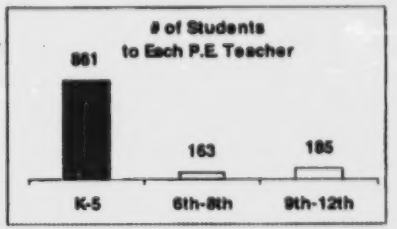
Number of teachers teaching P.E. **1,603**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **243 (1.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **650 (7.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **710 (6)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour, Arts in Education, Arts in Parks (452,133)
National or state parks **(See table on facing page)**
Number of children in Girl Scouts **21,105**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts **36,025**
Number of 4-H clubs **821**
Number of youth in 4-H **114,417**







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RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

K-12 Enrollment (2000-01)

Number of children in the public schools **446,543**
Number of children in grades K-5 **209,181**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **105,851**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **131,511**

Per Pupil Expenditure (1998-99)

Average per-pupil expenditure **$4,769**

OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**

*Based on scores of the general student population (excluding ESL, special education and new students) from the Reading and Writing Literacy Section of the 1999-2000 Arkansas Benchmark Exam.

Arkansas Parks and Activities

		Camping	Fishing	Boat Ramp	Marina	Museum	Nature Trail	Picnic Area	Swimming	Tennis Court	Golf Course
State Parks/ Historic Memorials	47	26	29	22	9	22	37	40	22	6	1
National Parks/ Historic Memorials	5	2	2	1	1	4	4	4	2	0	0
National Forest Recreational Area	46	40	32	13	1	0	34	36	24	0	0
Corps of Engineers Project	19	19	19	19	11	2	17	19	16	0	0

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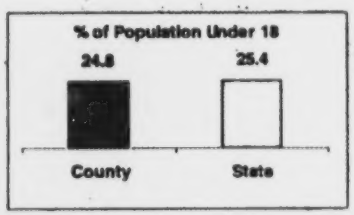
Arkansas County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **5,150**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **24.8**



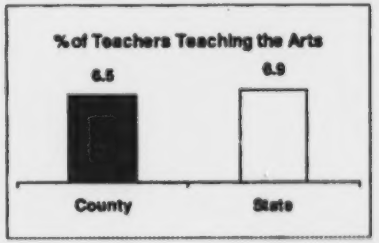
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **8**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

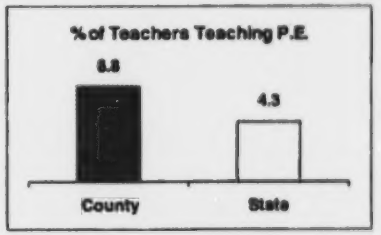
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **21**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (1.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **10 (11.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **9 (8.1)**



Physical Education

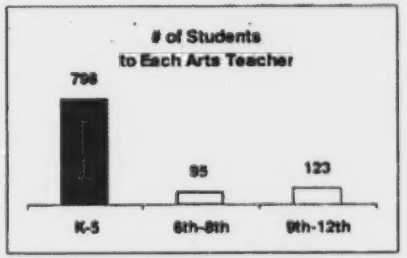
Number of teachers teaching P.E. **22**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **10 (11.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **12 (10.8)**

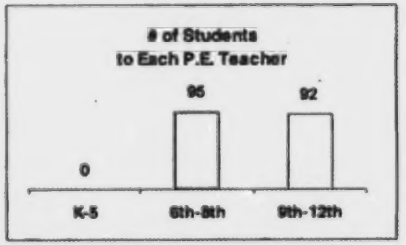


Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (1,156)
National or state parks **Arkansas Post**
Activities available in parks **museum, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **105**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **274**
Number of 4-H clubs **8**
Number of youth in 4-H **2,167**

[1]This is an estimate because the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts keep its data by district and council, not by county.

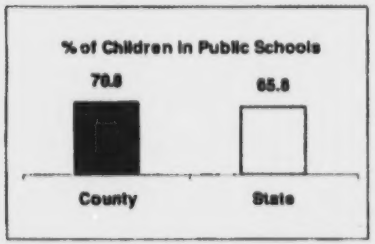


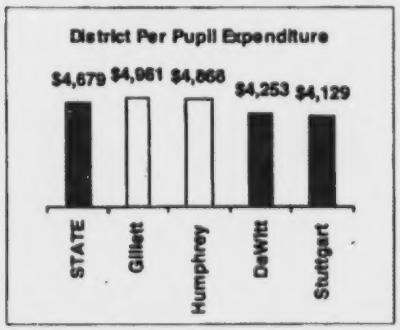


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,648**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,595**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **945**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,108**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Gillett	57%	37%	$4,961
Humphrey	27%	53%	$4,866
DeWitt	46%	21%	$4,253
Stuttgart	29%	33%	$4,129

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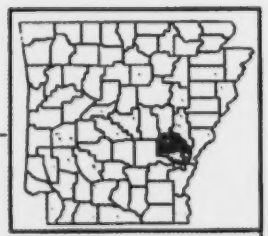
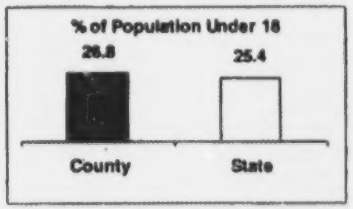


Ashley County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **6,491**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **26.8**



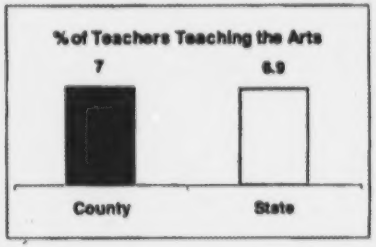
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **9**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

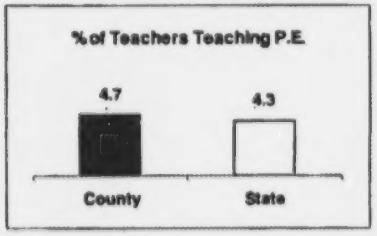
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **25**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **4 (3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **9 (10)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **12 (9.2)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **17**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (1.5)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (8.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (5.4)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (109)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (1)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **133**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **8**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,591**

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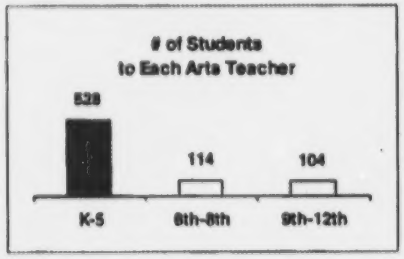
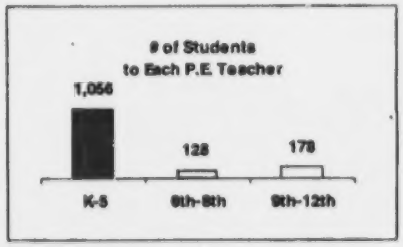
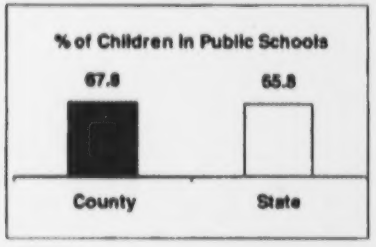


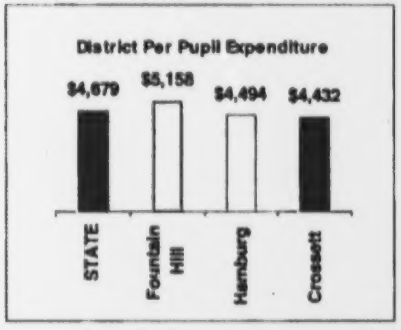


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **4,380**
Number of children in grades K-5 **2,111**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **1,024**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,245**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Crossett	29%	21%	$4,432
Fountain Hill	27%	n/a	$5,158
Hamburg	52%	46%	$4,494

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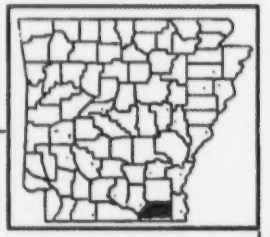
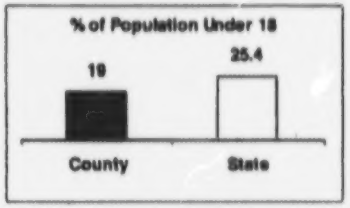


Baxter County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **7,281**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **19**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **7**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **27**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **5 (3.5)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **11 (11.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **11 (8.6)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **17**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (0.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (7.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (7)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (278)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (1)
National or state parks **Bull Shoals State Park, Norfolk Lake**
Activites available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **227**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **497**
Number of 4-H clubs **7**
Number of youth in 4-H **500**

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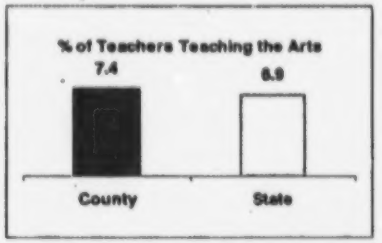
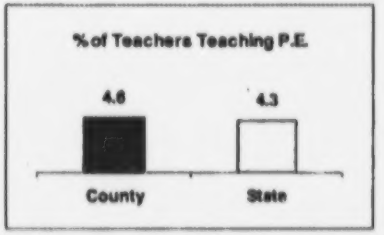
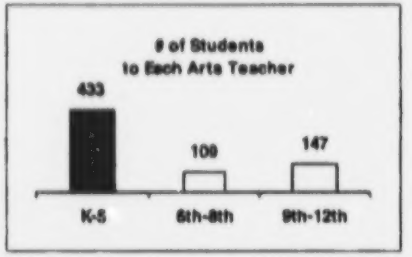
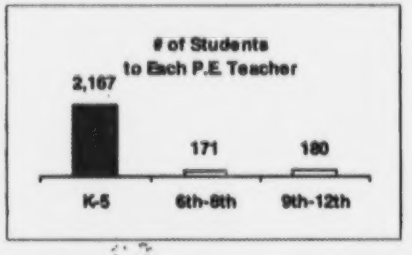




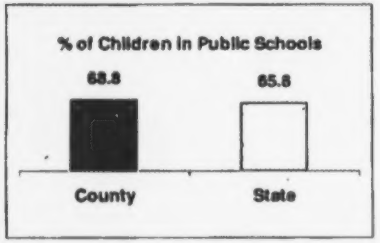


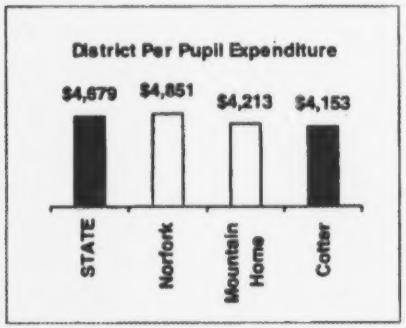


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **4,979**
Number of children in grades K-5 **2,167**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **1,194**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,618**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Cotter	75%	28%	$4,153
Mountain Home	55%	29%	$4,213
Norfork	78%	18%	$4,851

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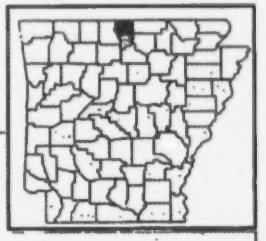
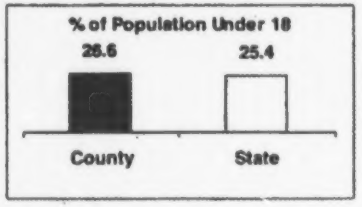


Benton County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **40,821**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **26.6**



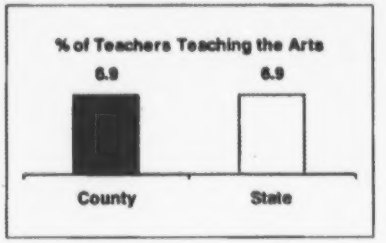
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **10**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

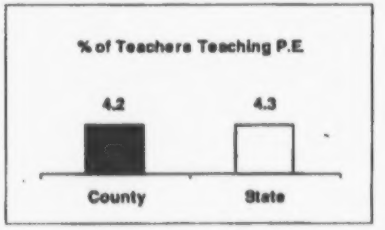
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **116**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **32 (4.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **36 (8.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **48 (9.2)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **71**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **23 (3.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **20 (4.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **28 (5.4)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (7,708), Arts in Education (50)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (1)
National or state parks **Beaver Lake State Park, Pea Ridge National Park**
Activites available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **836**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **1,931**
Number of 4-H clubs **17**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,446**

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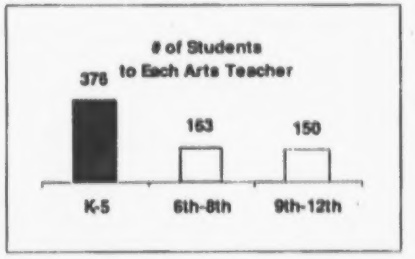
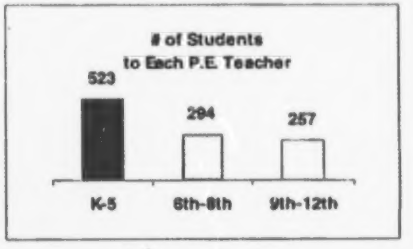
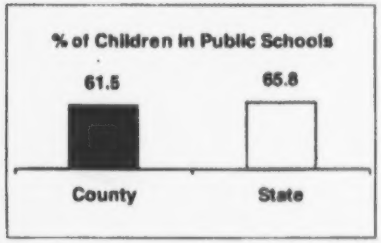


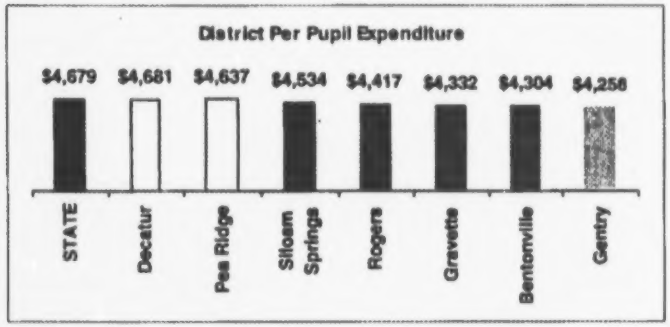


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **25,109**
Number of children in grades K-5 **12,035**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **5,872**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **7,202**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil* Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Siloam Springs	62%	27%	$4,534
Gentry	41%	28%	$4,258
Gravette	29%	21%	$4,332
Rogers	58%	31%	$4,417
Decatur	47%	5%	$4,681
Pea Ridge	38%	33%	$4,637
Bentonville	78%	43%	$4,304

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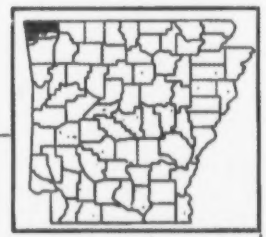
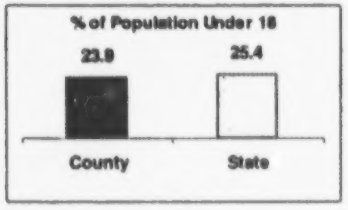


Boone County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **8,123**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **23.9**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **4**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **43**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **10 (5.4)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **12 (9.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **21 (13)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **30**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (4.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **11 (8.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **11 (6.8)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (4,601), Arts in Parks (100)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **284**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **516**
Number of 4-H clubs **11**
Number of youth in 4-H **643**

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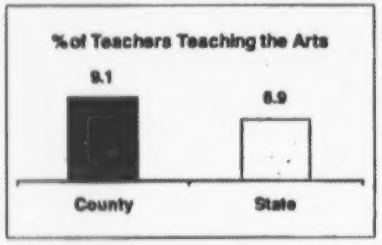
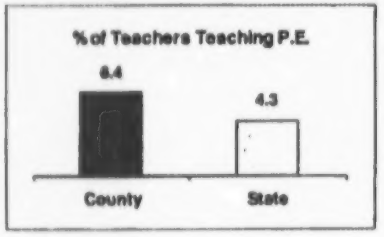
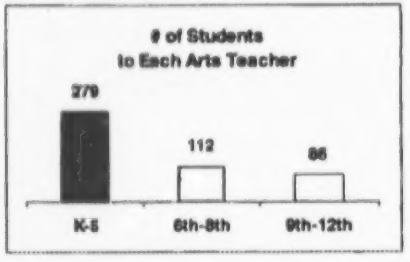
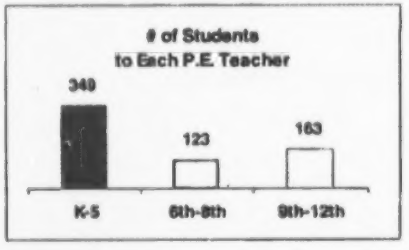




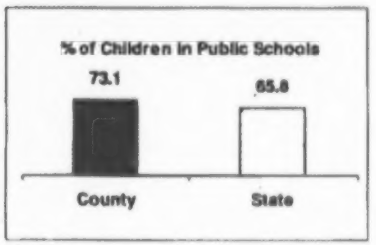


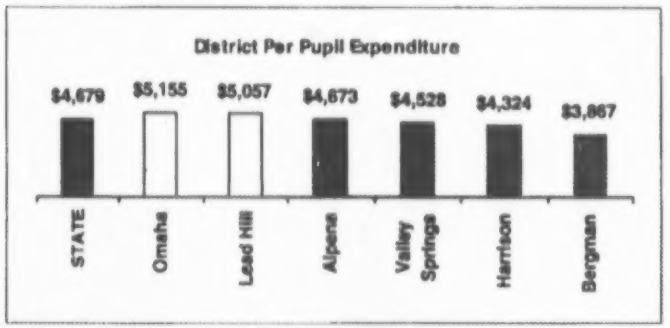


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **5,938**
Number of children in grades K-5 **2,792**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **1,348**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,798**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Lead Hill	91%	29%	$5,507
Alpena	58%	n/a	$4,673
Omaha	48%	52%	$5,155
Valley Springs	49%	30%	$4,528
Bergman	59%	50%	$3,867
Harrison	66%	35%	$4,324

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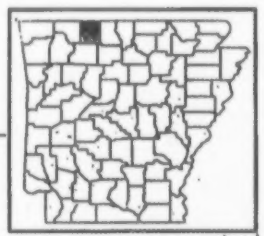

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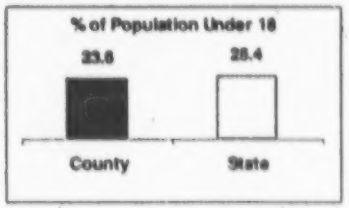
Bradley County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,968**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **23.6**



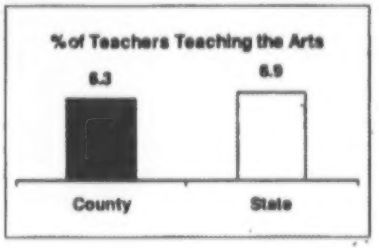
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **7**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

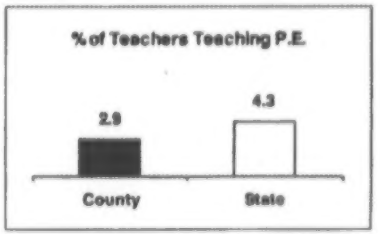
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **13**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **6 (12)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **5 (5.6)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **6**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (2.2)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **0**
National or state parks **Moro Bay State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **141**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **3**
Number of youth in 4-H **351**

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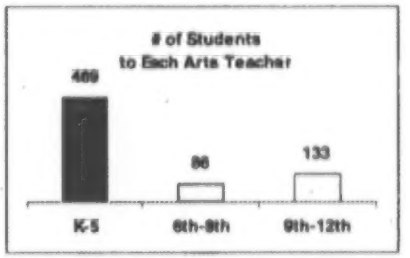
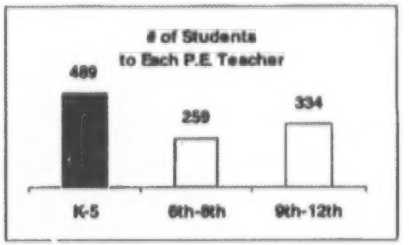
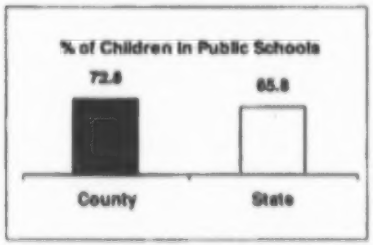


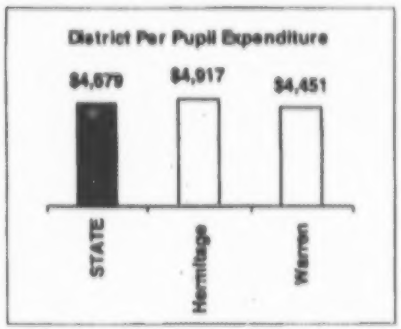


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **2,162**
Number of children in grades K-5 **977**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **518**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **667**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Hermitage	48%	8%	$4,917
Warren	48%	26%	$4,451

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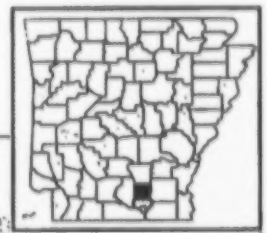
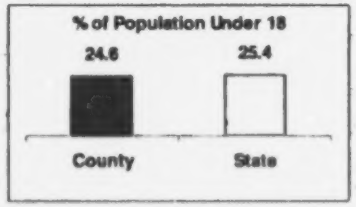


Calhoun County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **1,415**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **24.6**



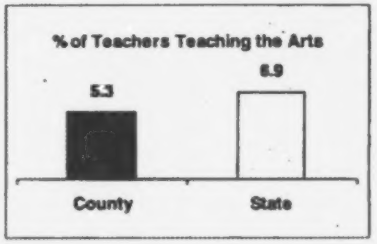
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **2**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

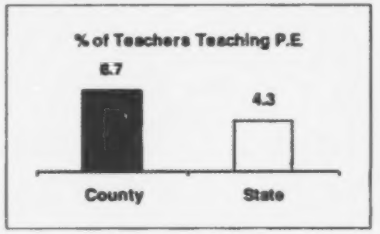
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **4**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **2 (8.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **2 (8)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **5**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (7.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (8.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (3.9)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (315)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **71**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **6**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,175**

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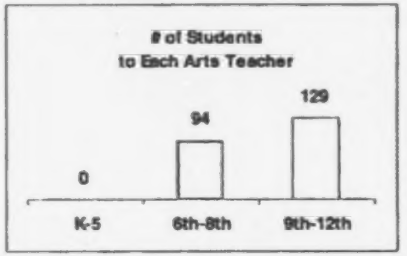
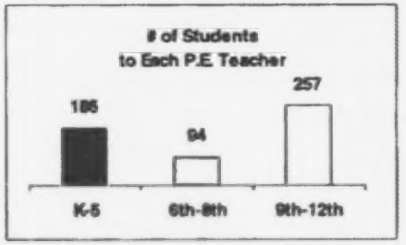
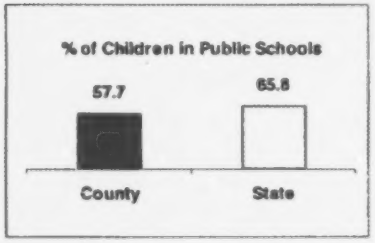


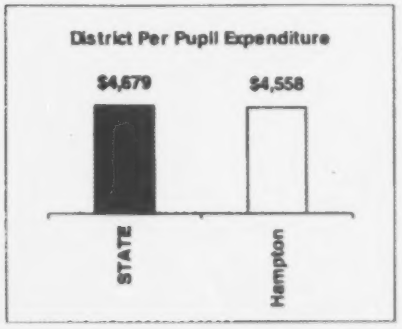


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **817**
Number of children in grades K-5 **372**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **188**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **257**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Hampton	30%	35%	$4,558

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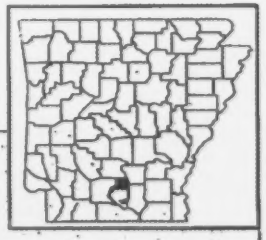
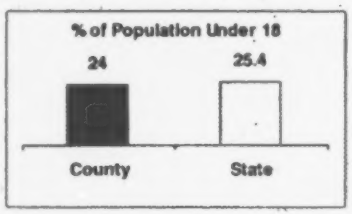


Carroll County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **6,080**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **24**



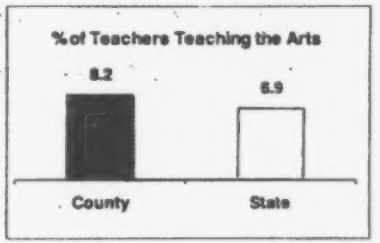
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **10**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

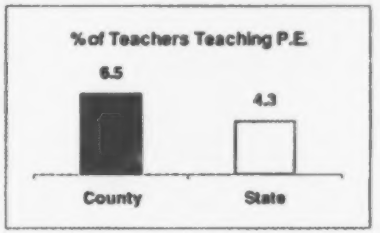
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **24**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **5 (4.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **9 (10.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **10 (10.2)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **19**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (3.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (8.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (8.5)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (155)
National or state parks **Table Rock Lake**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **196**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **200**
Number of 4-H clubs **8**
Number of youth in 4-H **354**

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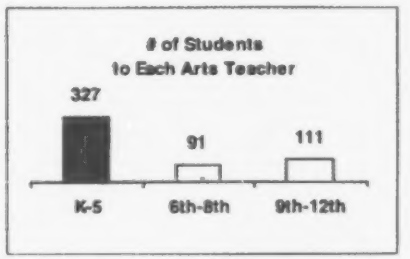

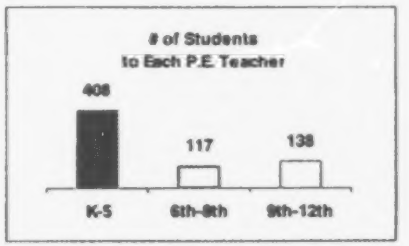

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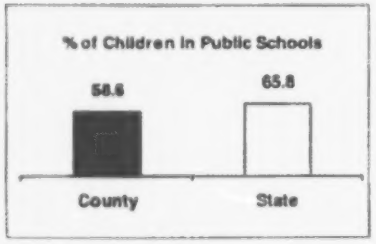
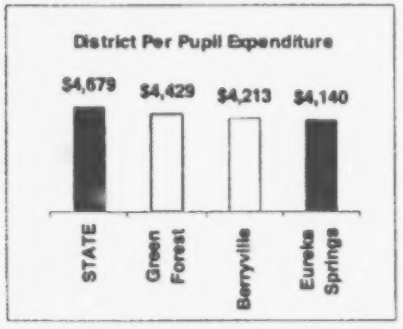
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,562**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,633**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **822**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,107**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Berryville	65%	15%	$4,213
Eureka Springs	63%	32%	$4,140
Green Forest	51%	31%	$4,429

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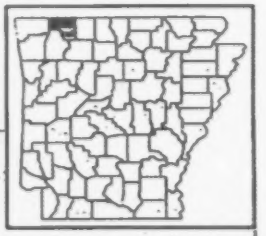
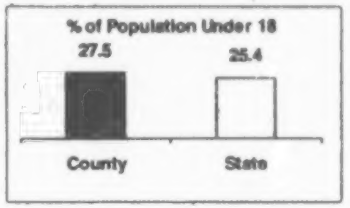


Chicot County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **3,876**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **27.5**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **9**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **14**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (1.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **6 (8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **7 (7.7)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **15**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (2.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (9.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (6.6)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts in Education (574), Arts in Parks (15)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (2)
National or state parks **Lake Chicot State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **22**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **6**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,235**

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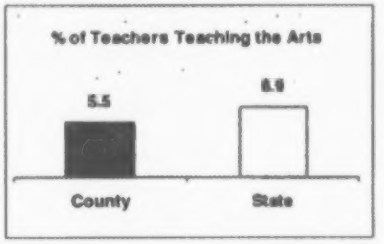
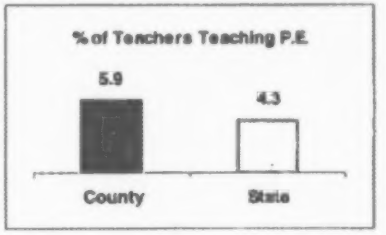
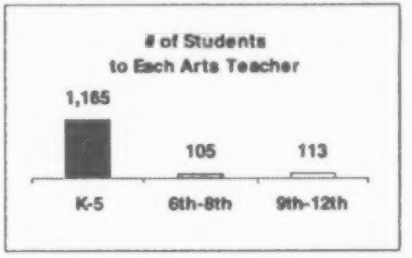
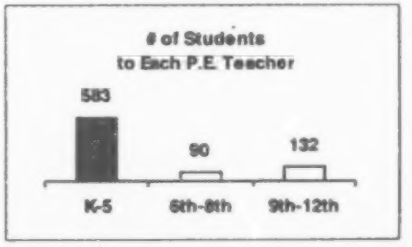




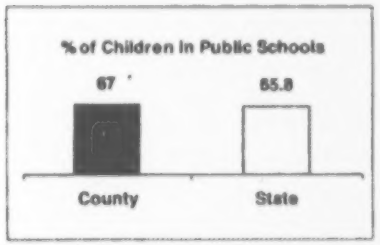


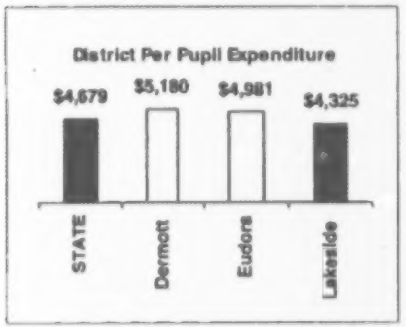


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **2,585**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,165**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **630**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **790**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Eudora	45%	22%	$4,981
Dermott	16%	32%	$5,180
Lakeside	32%	21%	$4,325

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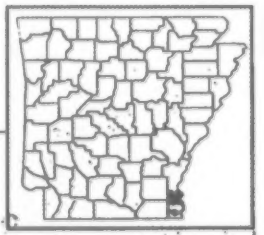
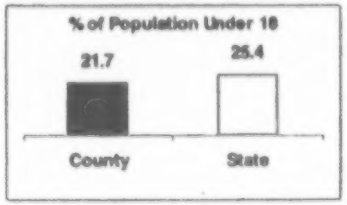


Clark County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **5,104**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **21.7**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **2**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **20**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **4 (3.2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **7 (11.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **9 (10)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **12**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (3.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (3.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (6.7)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (1,863), Arts in Education (25)
National or state parks **DeGray Lake Resort**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming, tennis, golf**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **91**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **336**
Number of 4-H clubs **8**
Number of youth in 4-H **79**

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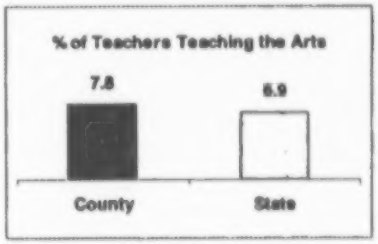

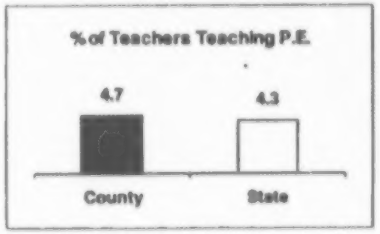

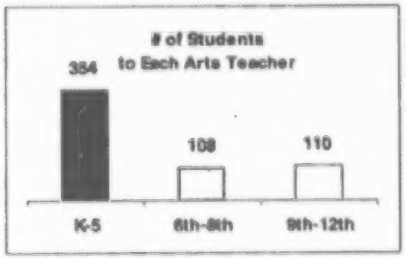

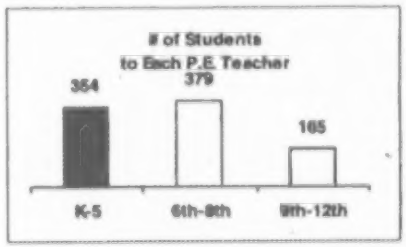

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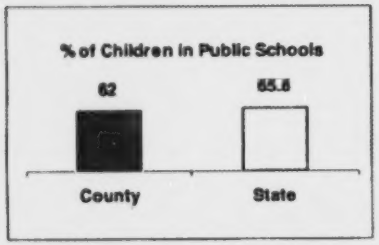
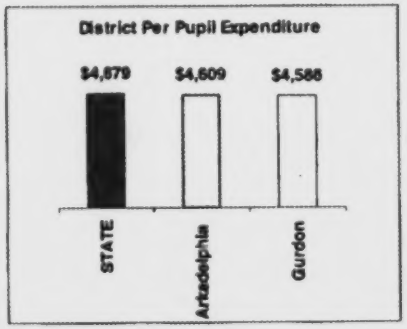
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,164**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,417**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **758**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **989**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Arkadelphia	**41%**	**25%**	**$4,609**
Gurdon	**31%**	**12%**	**$4,586**

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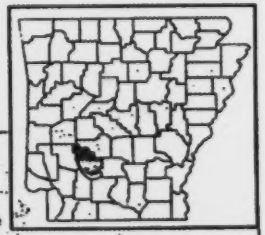
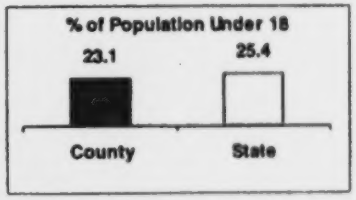


Clay County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **4,068**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **23.1**



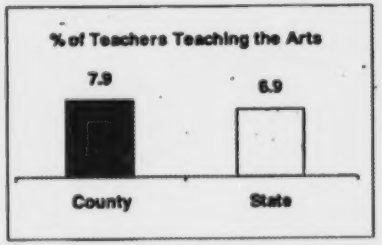
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **12**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

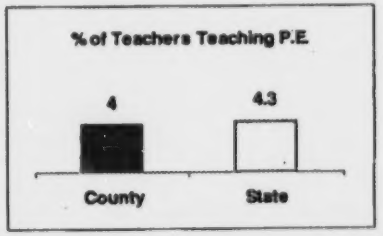
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **18**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (1.2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **7 (11.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **10 (11.6)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **9**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (1.2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (8.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (3.5)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (618)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **258**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **156**
Number of 4-H clubs **7**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,399**

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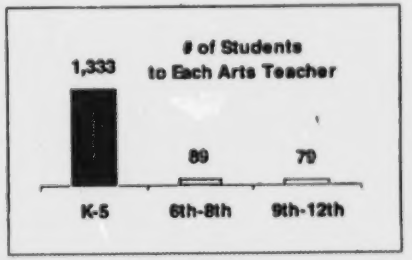
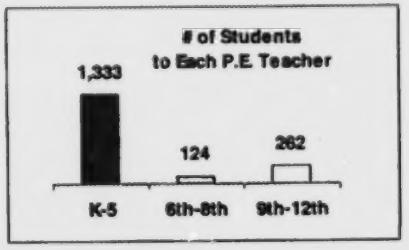
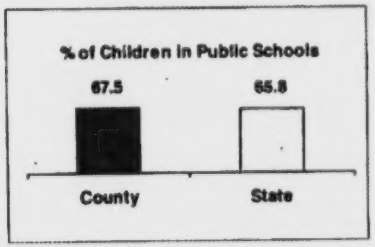


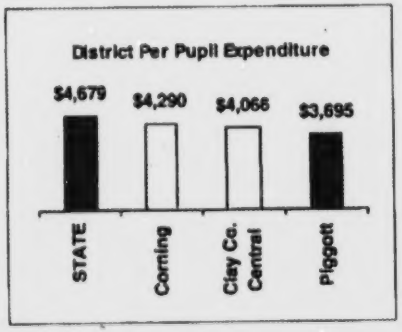


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **2,740**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,333**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **620**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **787**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Piggott	47%	49%	$3,695
Clay Co. Central	42%	23%	$4,066
Corning	49%	45%	$4,290

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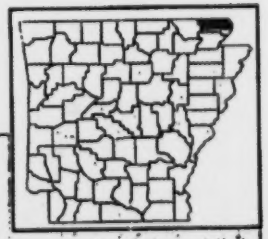
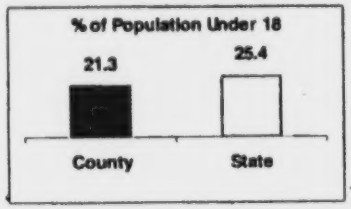


Cleburne County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **5,122**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **21.3**



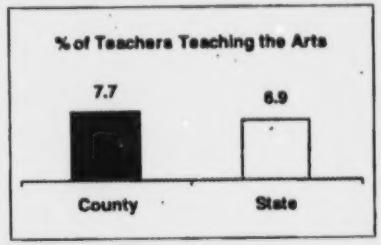
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **9**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

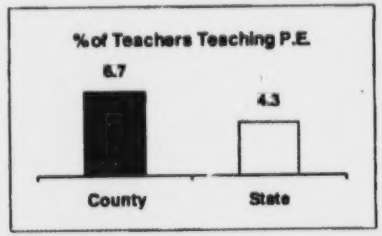
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **24**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **3 (2.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **8 (8.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **13 (11.9)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **21**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (4.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (9.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (6.4)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (1,503)
National or state parks **Greers Ferry Lake**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **189**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **205**
Number of 4-H clubs **11**
Number of youth in 4-H **237**

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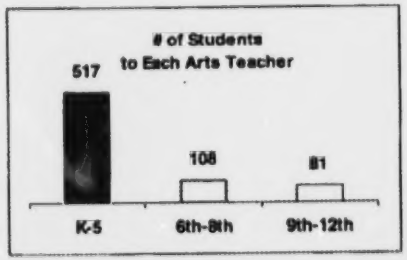

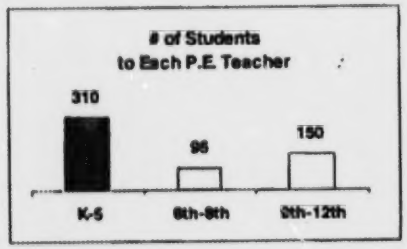

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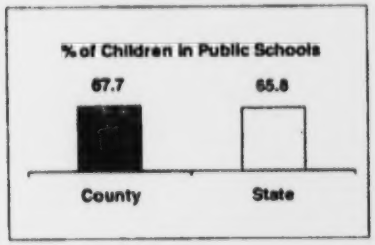
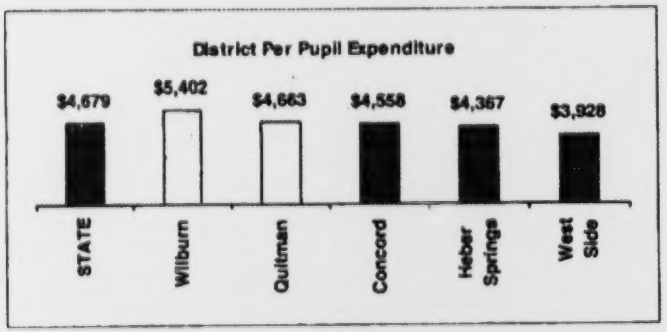
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 3,469
Number of children in grades K-5 1,552
Number of children in grades 6-8 864
Number of children in grades 9-12 1,053





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Wilburn	64%	57%	$5,402
Heber Springs	44%	26%	$4,367
Quitman	60%	15%	$4,663
West Side	31%	28%	$3,928
Concord	21%	19%	$4,558

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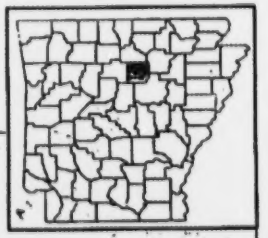

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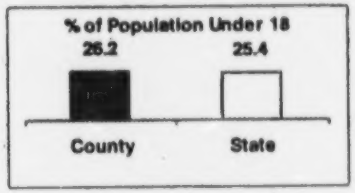
Cleveland County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,242**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **26.2**



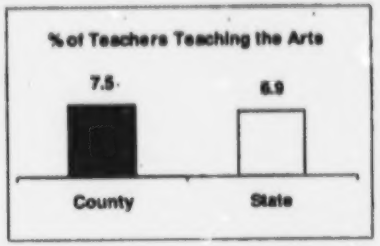
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **5**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

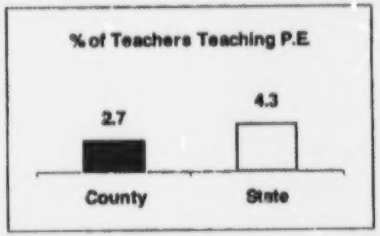
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **11**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **4 (10.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **7 (10.1)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **4**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (2.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (4.5)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (142)
National or state parks **Mark Mills Monument State Park**
Activities available in parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **9**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **3**
Number of youth in 4-H **348**

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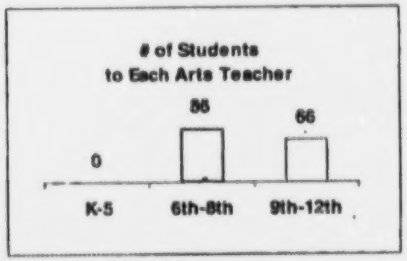

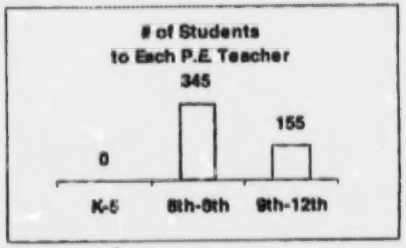

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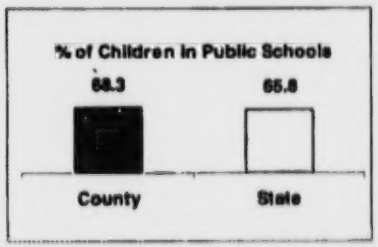
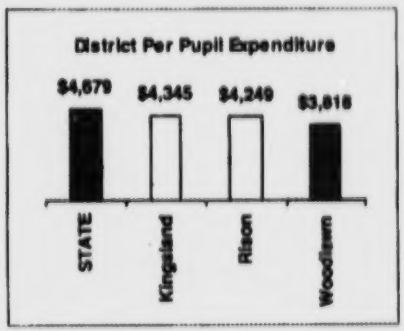
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 1,531
Number of children in grades K-5 721
Number of children in grades 6-8 345
Number of children in grades 9-12 465





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Rison	44%	47%	$4,249
Kingsland	60%	9%	$4,345
Woodlawn	62%	38%	$3,818

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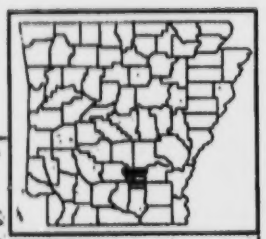
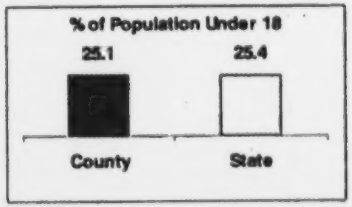


Columbia County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **6,420**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.1**



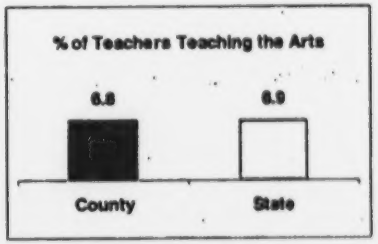
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **5**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

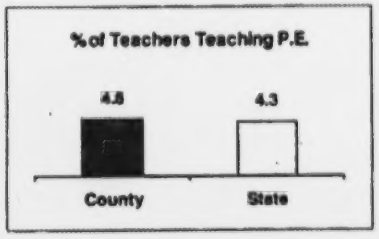
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **25**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (0.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **12 (11.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **12 (9)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **17**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (0.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (7.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (6)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (4,000), Arts in Education (8,114)
National or state parks **Logoly State Park**
Activities available in parks **fishing, museum, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **156**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **9**
Number of youth in 4-H **536**

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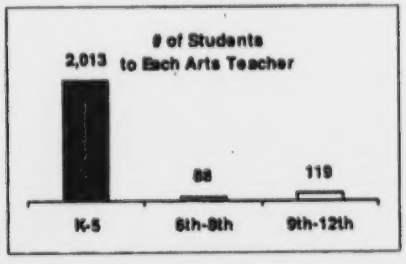

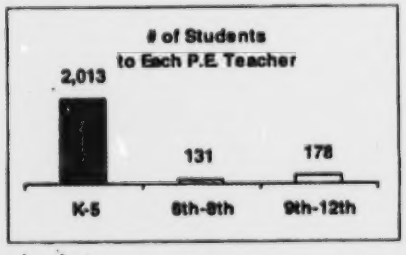

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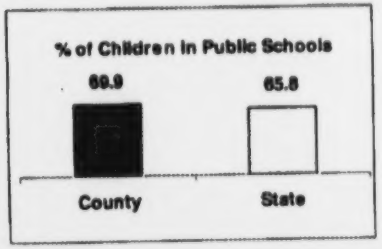
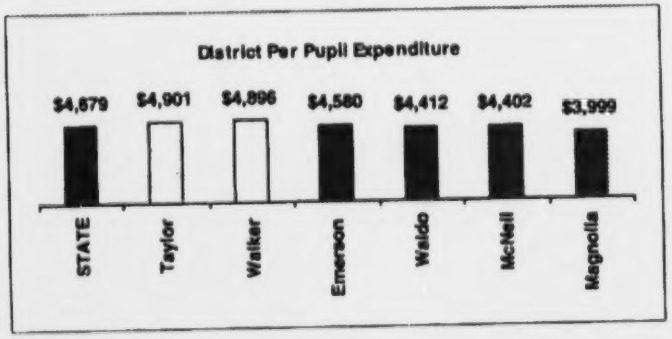
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 4,487
Number of children in grades K-5 2,013
Number of children in grades 6-8 1,050
Number of children in grades 9-12 1,424





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Taylor	50%	n/a	$4,901
Magnolia	33%	12%	$3,999
Walker	n/a	8%	$4,896
Emerson	39%	7%	$4,580
Waldo	8%	n/a	$4,412
McNeil	16%	11%	$4,402

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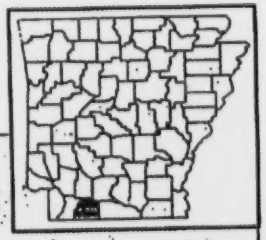
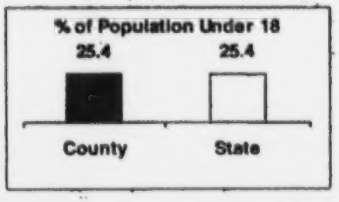


Conway County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **5,169**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **25.4**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **3**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **23**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **3 (2.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **10 (12.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **10 (10)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **13**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (1.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (7.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (5)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (3,339)**
National or state parks **Petit Jean Historic Memorial, Arkansas River**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming, tennis**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **84**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **211**
Number of 4-H clubs **15**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,070**

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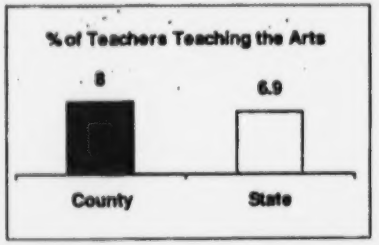

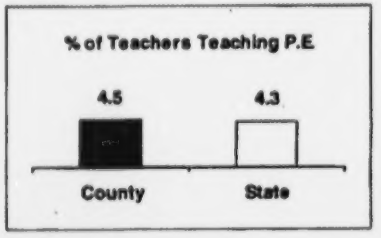

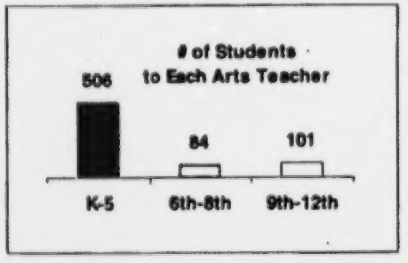

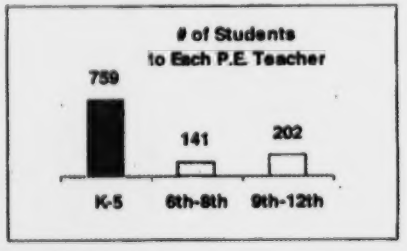

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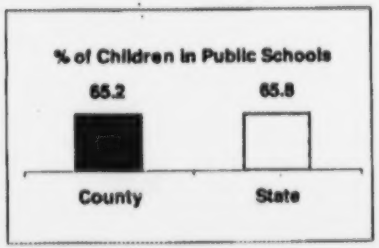
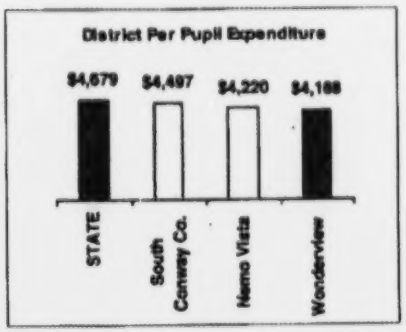
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,371**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,517**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **843**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,011**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Nemo Vista	70%	16%	$4,220
South Conway Co.	60%	26%	$4,497
Wonderview	41%	25%	$4,168

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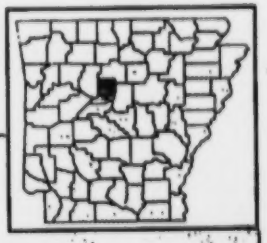
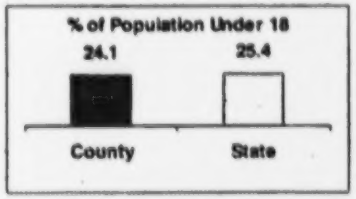


Craighead County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **19,809**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **24.1**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **25**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **83**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **15 (3.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **31 (11.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **37 (9.8)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **42**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (1.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **16 (6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **18 (4.8)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (774), Arts in Education (500)
National or state parks **Lake Frierson**
Activites available in parks **fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **1,073**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **609**
Number of 4-H clubs **11**
Number of youth in 4-H **2,842**

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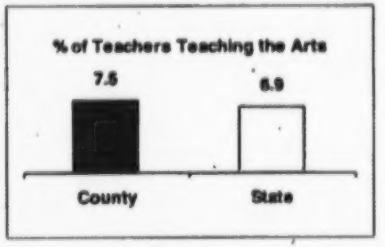
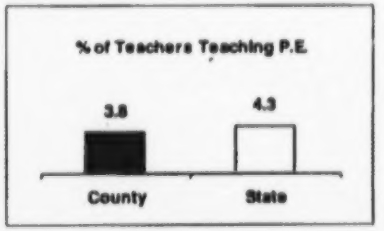
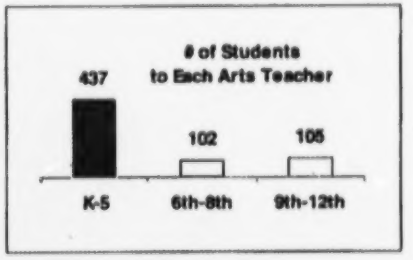
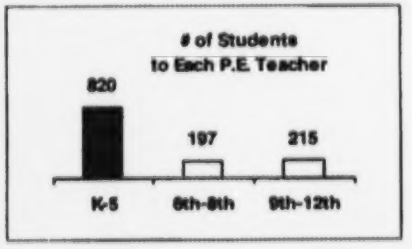




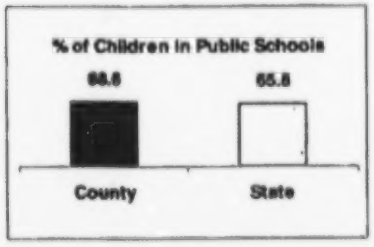


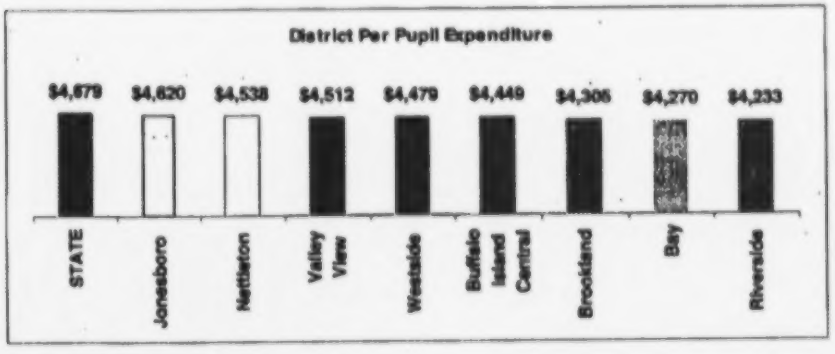


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 13,587
Number of children in grades K-5 6,561
Number of children in grades 6-8 3,157
Number of children in grades 9-12 3,869





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Jonesboro	53%	29%	$4,620
Bay	39%	44%	$4,270
Brookland	26%	9%	$4,305
Buffalo Island Central	67%	40%	$4,449
Westside	41%	21%	$4,479
Valley View	60%	28%	$4,512
Riverside	53%	20%	$4,233
Nettleton	63%	27%	$4,538

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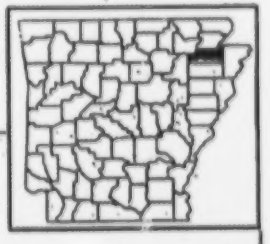
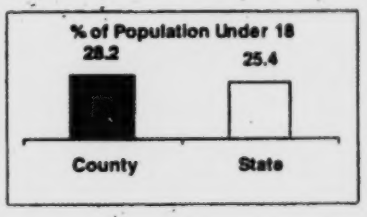


Crawford County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **15,032**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **28.2**



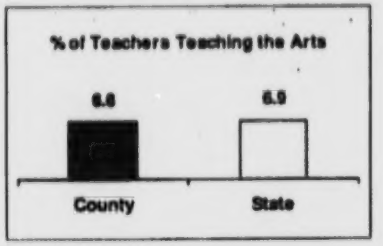
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **10**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

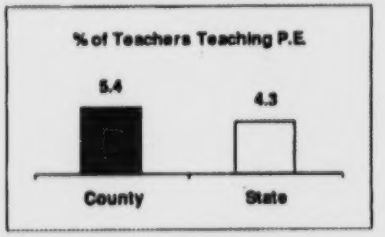
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **53**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **10 (2.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **23 (11.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **20 (8.1)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **43**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (0.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **17 (8.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **23 (9.3)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts in Education (3,221)
National or state parks **Lake Fort Smith State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming, tennis**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **222**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **893**
Number of 4-H clubs **10**
Number of youth in 4-H **655**

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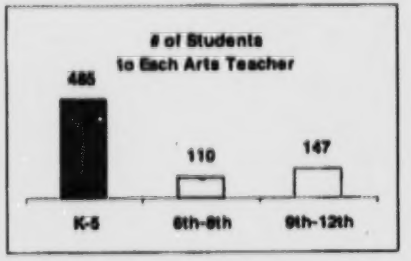

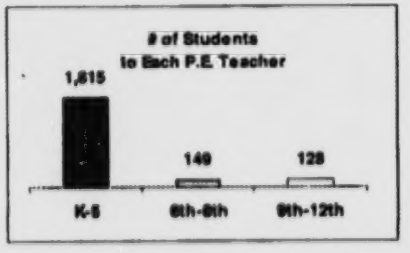

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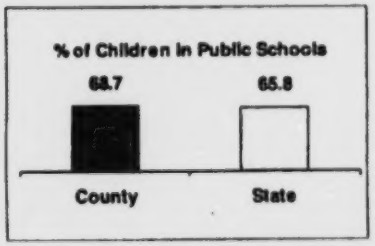
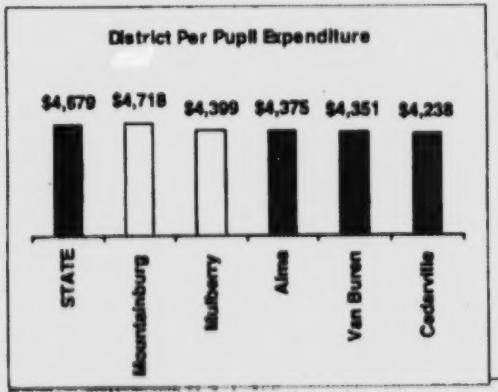
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **10,329**
Number of children in grades K-5 **4,846**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **2,540**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **2,943**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

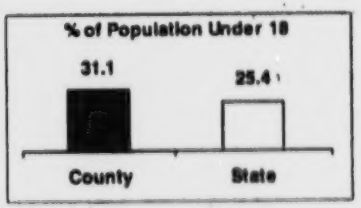
DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Mountainburg	28%	22%	$4,718
Cedarville	60%	14%	$4,238
Mulberry	44%	22%	$4,399
Alma	40%	31%	$4,375
Van Buren	55%	36%	$4,351

*Based on scores of the general student population (excluding ESL, special education and new students) from the Reading and Writing Literacy Section of the 1999-2000 Arkansas Benchmark Exam.

Crittenden County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **15,834**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **31.1**



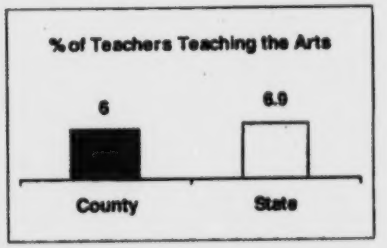
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **10**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

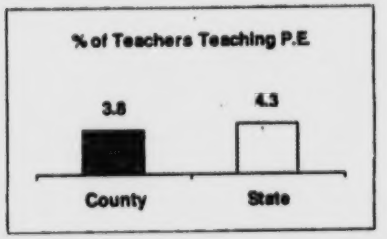
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **46**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (0.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **19 (9.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **26 (10.6)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **29**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **16 (7.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **13 (5.3)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (2,525)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **159**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **4**
Number of youth in 4-H **657**

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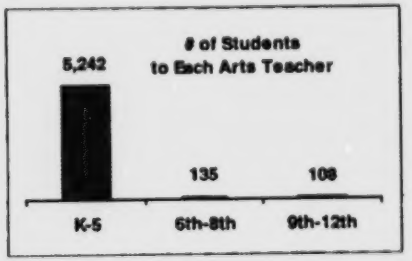

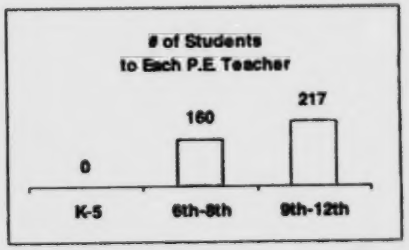

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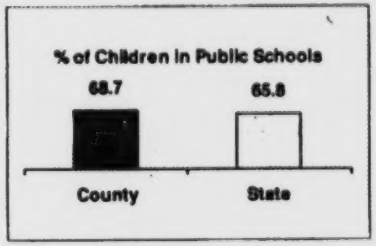
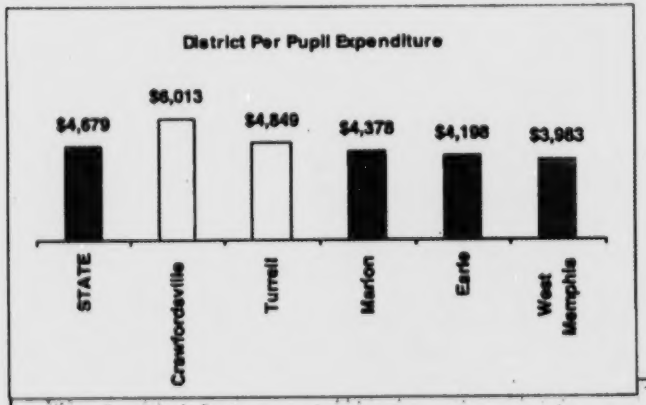
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **10,623**
Number of children in grades K-5 **5,242**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **2,566**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **2,815**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Earle	24%	8%	$4,198
Crawfordsville	23%	7%	$6,013
West Memphis	34%	18%	$3,983
Marion	57%	22%	$4,378
Turrell	29%	6%	$4,849

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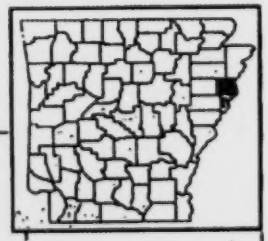
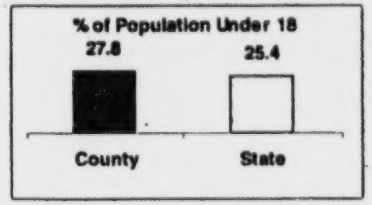


Cross County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **5,435**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **27.8**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **12**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **20**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **4 (2.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **7 (8.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **9 (8.6)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **11**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (1.4)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (4.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (4.8)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (605)**
National or state parks **Parkin State Park, Village Creek State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, museum, nature trail, swimming, tennis**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **281**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **122**
Number of 4-H clubs **5**
Number of youth in 4-H **58**

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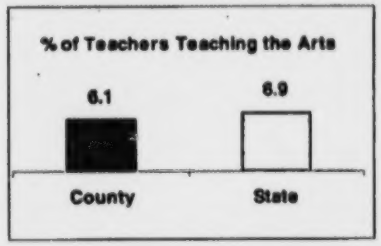

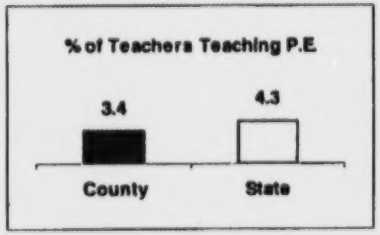

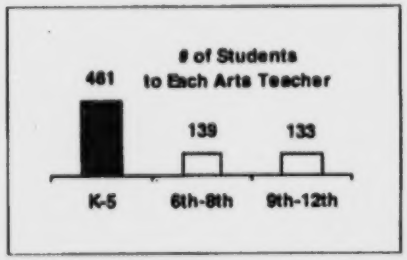

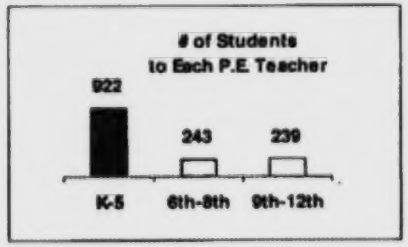

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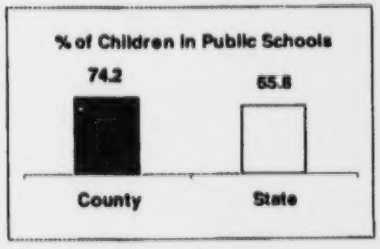
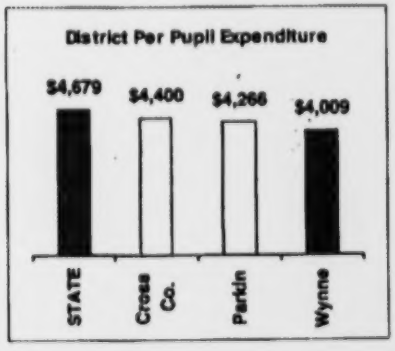
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **4,010**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,844**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **970**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,196**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Cross Co.	35%	22%	$4,400
Wynne	34%	26%	$4,009
Parkin	14%	n/a	$4,266

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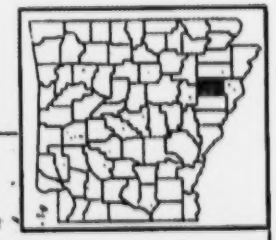
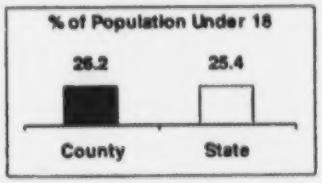


Dallas County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,410**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **26.2**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **4**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **12**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (1.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **3 (6.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **8 (13.8)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **8**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (8.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (6.9)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **0**
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **70**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **3**
Number of youth in 4-H **679**

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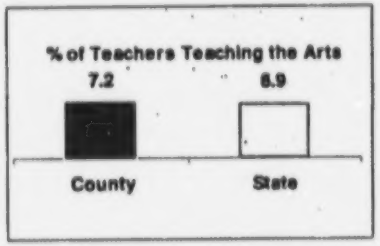
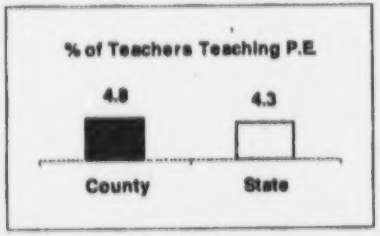
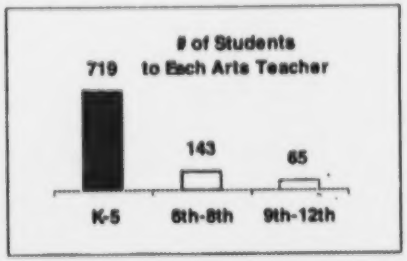
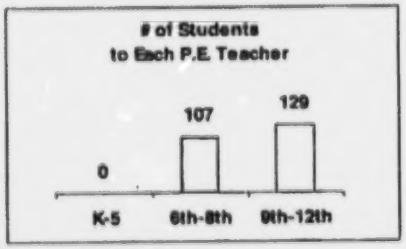




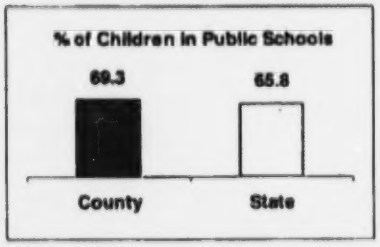


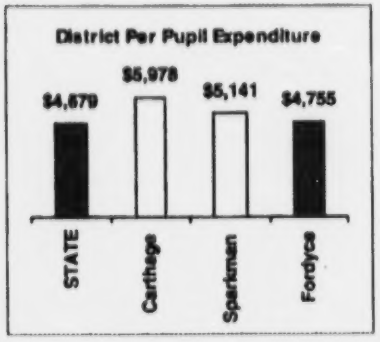


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 1,664
Number of children in grades K-5 719
Number of children in grades 6-8 429
Number of children in grades 9-12 516





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Sparkman	53%	13%	$5,141
Fordyce	34%	15%	$4,755
Carthage	43%	n/a	$5,978

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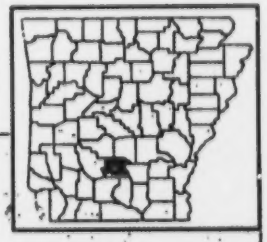
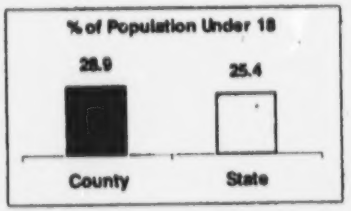


Desha County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **4,428**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **28.9**



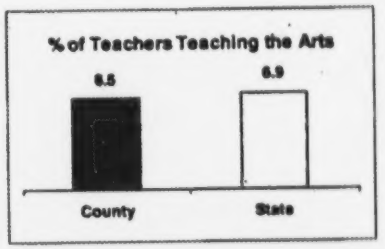
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **11**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

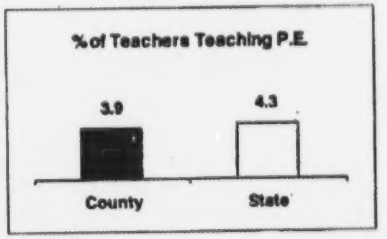
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **20**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (0.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **10 (10.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **9 (9)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **12**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (0.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (6.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (5)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (4,509)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **74**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **11**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,184**

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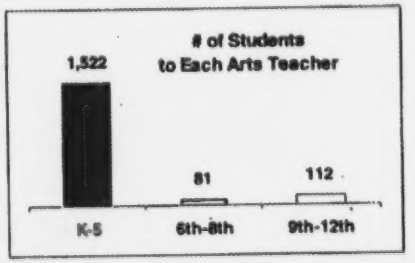
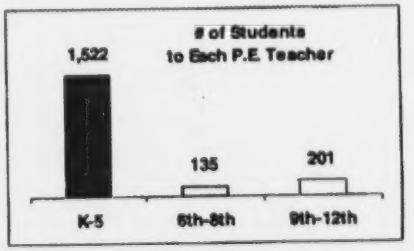
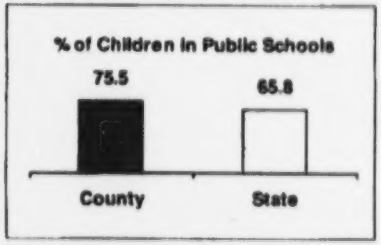


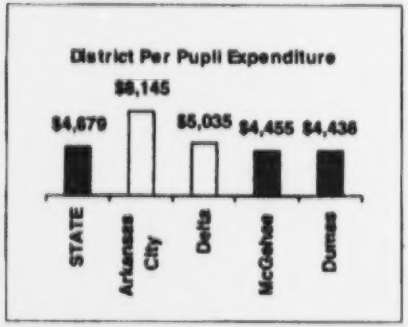


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,341**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,522**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **812**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,007**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Delta	27%	30%	$5,035
Arkansas City	57%	25%	$8,145
McGehee	26%	16%	$4,455
Dumas	30%	23%	$4,436

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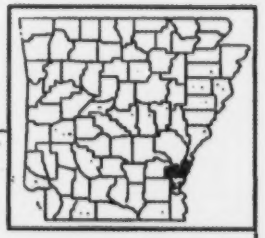
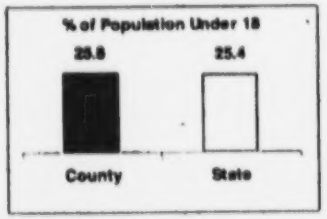


Drew County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **4,832**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.8**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **18**

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COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **18**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **7 (10)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **10 (9.7)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **11**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (5.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (4.9)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (692), Arts in Education (330), Arts in Parks (2,825)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **102**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **4**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,231**

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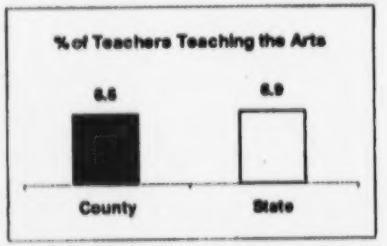

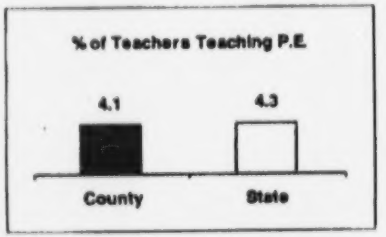

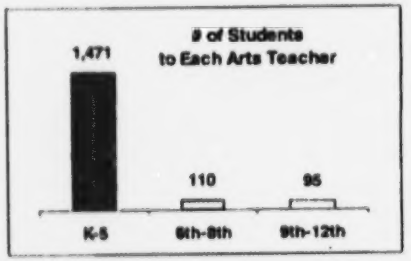

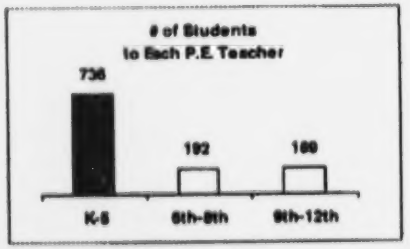

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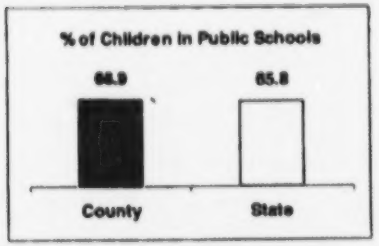
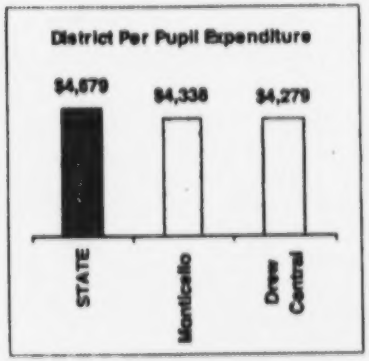
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 3,183
Number of children in grades K-5 1,471
Number of children in grades 6-8 767
Number of children in grades 9-12 945





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Monticello	47%	31%	$4,338
Drew Central	37%	3%	$4,279

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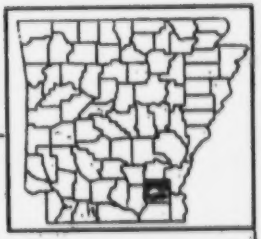
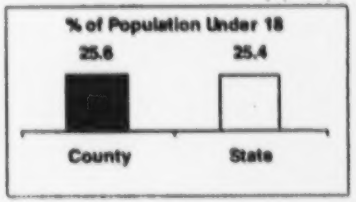


Faulkner County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **22,006**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.6**



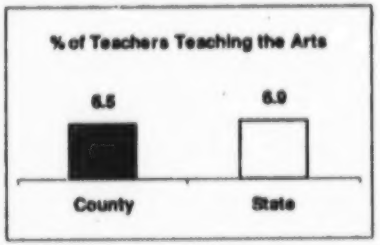
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **33**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

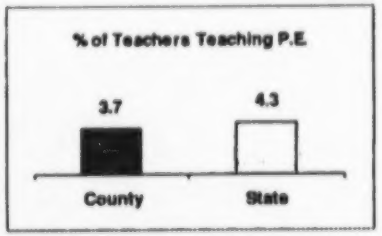
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **72**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **12 (2.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **28 (10.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **32 (9.1)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **41**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **10 (2.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **15 (5.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **16 (4.6s)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (2,223), Arts in Education (130)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (3)
National or state parks **Wooly Hollow State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **823**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **733**
Number of 4-H clubs **15**
Number of youth in 4-H **2,169**

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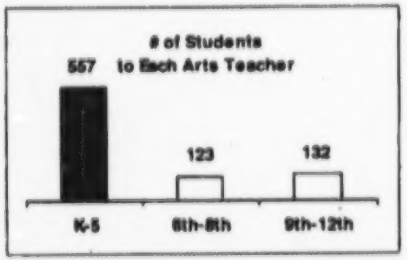

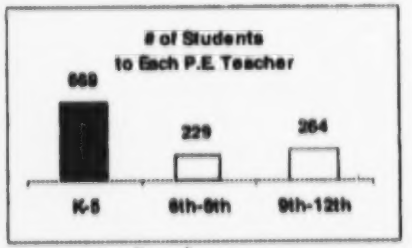

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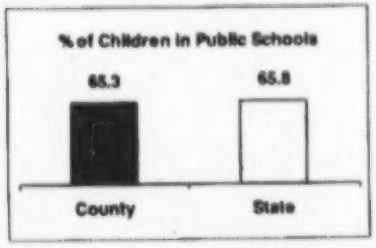
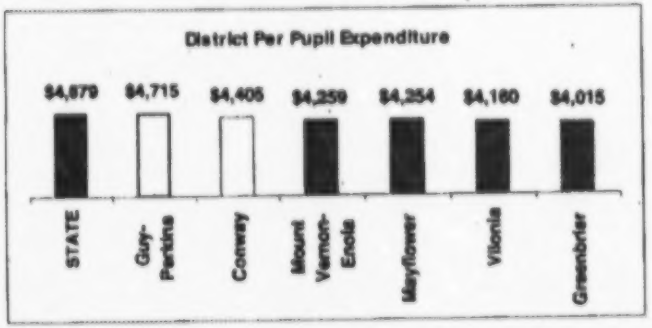
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **14,347**
Number of children in grades K-5 **6,685**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **3,435**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **4,227**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Greenbrier	43%	33%	$4,015
Mount Vernon-Enola	41%	20%	$4,259
Guy-Perkins	50%	33%	$4,715
Vilonia	64%	17%	$4,160
Mayflower	29%	16%	$4,254
Conway	61%	30%	$4,405

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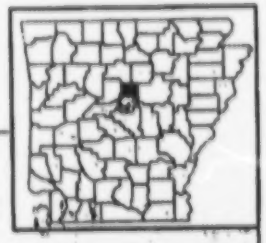

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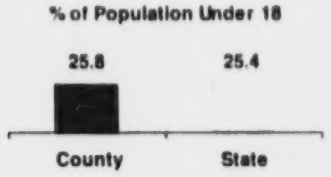
Franklin County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **4,591**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.8**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **8**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **20**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **10 (11)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **8 (7.9)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **21**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (9.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **10 (9.9)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **0**
National or state parks **Ozark Lake, Redding National Forest, Shores Lake National Forest, White Rock National Forest**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **88**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **151**
Number of 4-H clubs **12**
Number of youth in 4-H **854**

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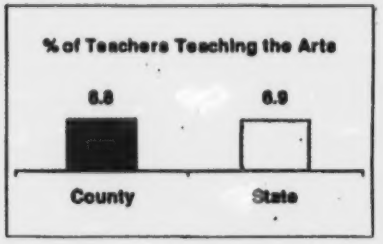

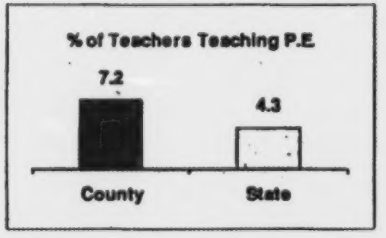

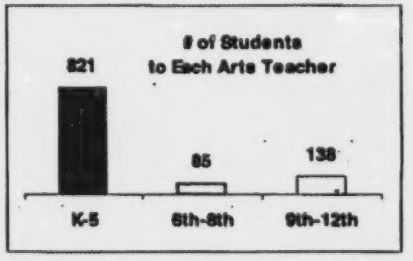

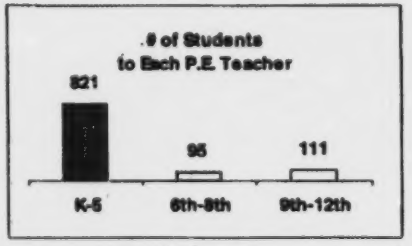

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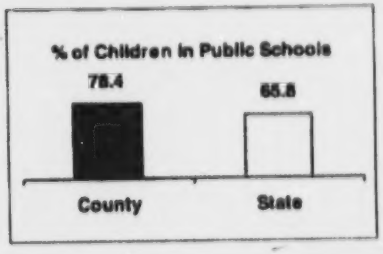
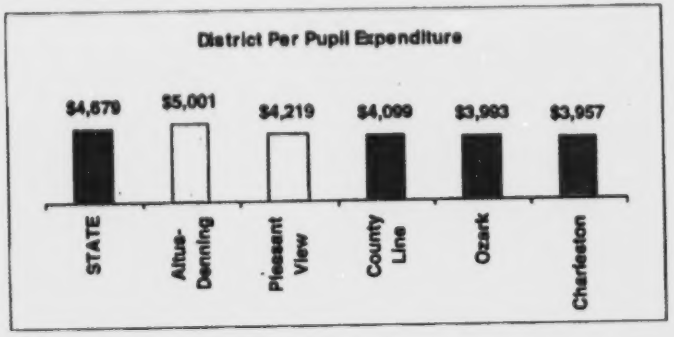
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 3,601
Number of children in grades K-5 1,641
Number of children in grades 6-8 853
Number of children in grades 9-12 1,107





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Ozark	54%	25%	$3,993
Charleston	61%	25%	$3,957
Altus-Denning	35%	8%	$5,001
Pleasant View	29%	5%	$4,219
County Line	50%	9%	$4,099

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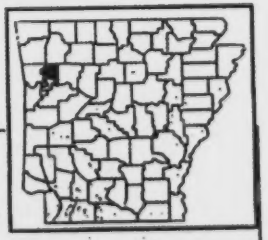
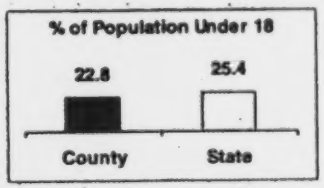


Fulton County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,650**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **22.8**



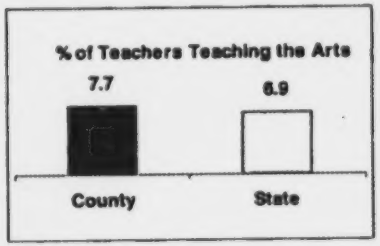
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **6**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

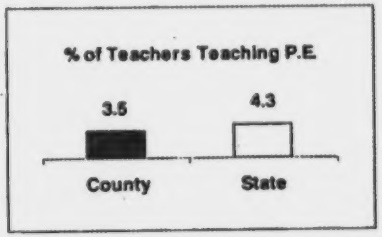
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **11**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (2.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **5 (10.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **5 (10.2)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **5**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (6.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (4.1)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (260)
National or state parks **Mammoth Spring State Park**
Activities available in parks **fishing, museum, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **127**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **10**
Number of 4-H clubs **16**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,658**

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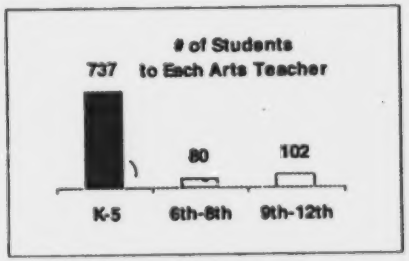

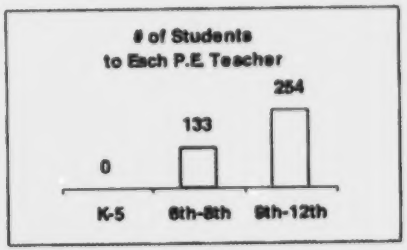

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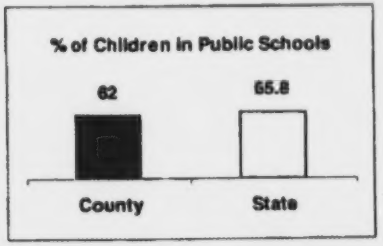
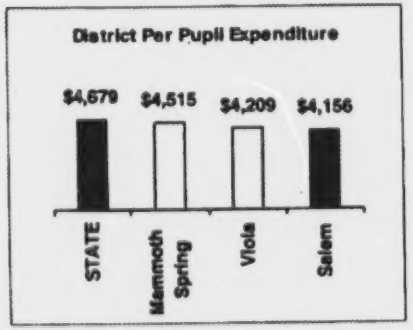
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 1,643
Number of children in grades K-5 737
Number of children in grades 6-8 398
Number of children in grades 9-12 508





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Viola	52%	30%	$4,209
Salem	63%	41%	$4,156
Mammoth Spring	71%	32%	$4,515

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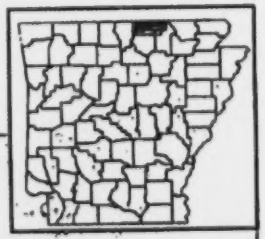
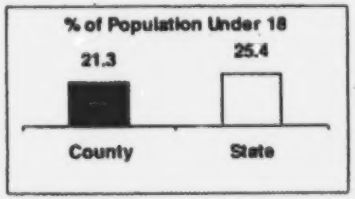


Garland County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **18,759**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **21.3**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **12**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **58**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **9 (2.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **19 (8.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **30 (10.2)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **48**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (2.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **24 (10.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **16 (5.4)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (4,816), Arts in Education (95)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (4)
National or state parks **Lake Ouachita State Park, Hot Springs National Park, Charlton National Forest, Hickory Nut Mountain, Iron Springs recreational areas**
Activites available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **417**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **2,007**
Number of 4-H clubs **21**
Number of youth in 4-H **3,254**

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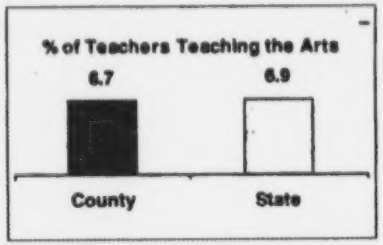
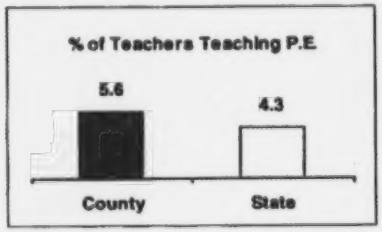
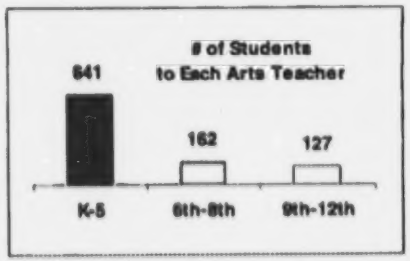
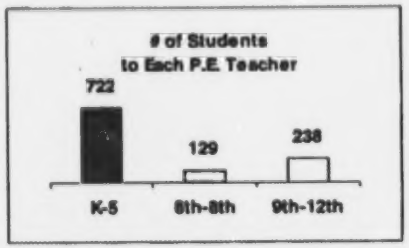




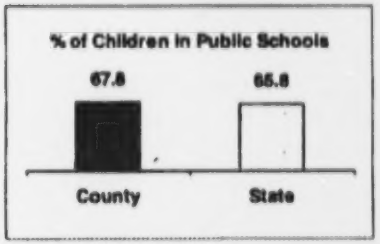


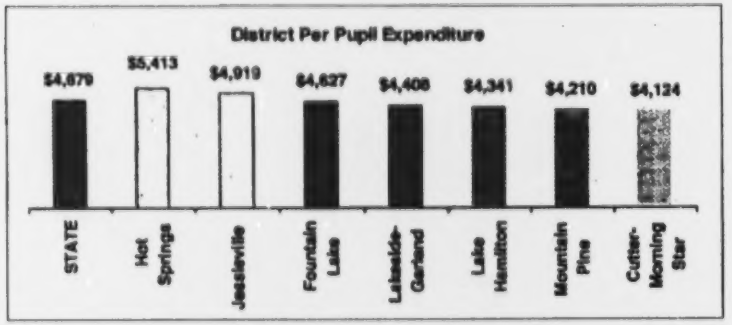


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 12,667
Number of children in grades K-5 5,772
Number of children in grades 6-8 3,084
Number of children in grades 9-12 3,811





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Mountain Pine	33%	12%	$4,210
Lakeside-Garland	68%	59%	$4,408
Cutter-Morning Star	66%	42%	$4,124
Fountain Lake	44%	22%	$4,627
Lake Hamilton	60%	24%	$4,341
Jessieville	49%	33%	$4,919
Hot Springs	46%	19%	$5,413

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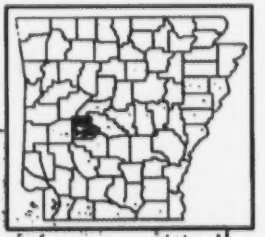
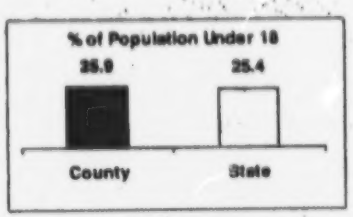


Grant County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **4,268**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.9**



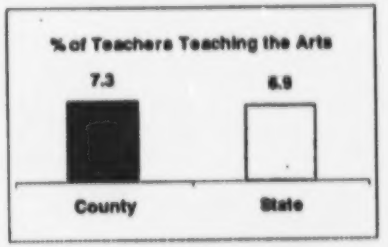
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **6**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

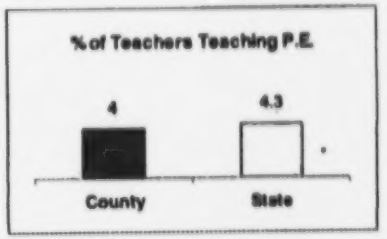
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **22**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **3 (2.5)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **7 (9.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **12 (11.4)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **12**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (1.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (1.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (8.6)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **0**
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (1)
National or state parks **Jenkin's Ferry Monument**
Activities available in parks **fishing, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **105**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **209**
Number of 4-H clubs **34**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,228**

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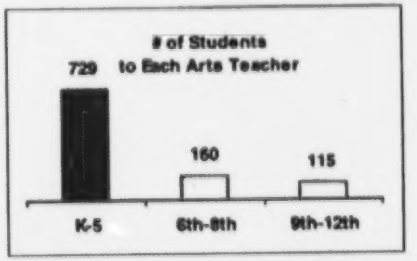

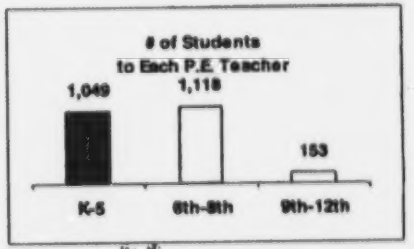

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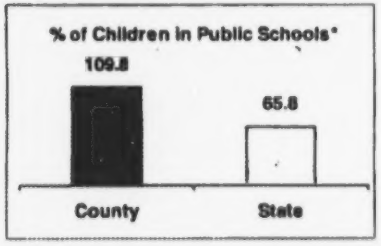
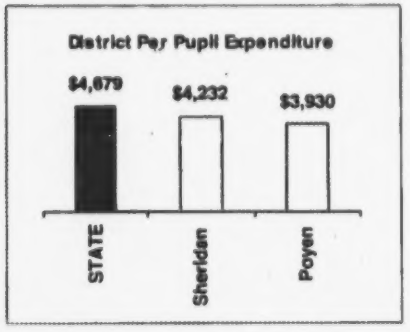
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **4,683**
Number of children in grades K-5 **2,188**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **1,118**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,337**





*More children attend public schools in Grant County than actually live in Grant County. This is because children from neighboring counties are attending school in the Sheridan or Poyen districts.

OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Sheridan	**47%**	**22%**	**$4,232**
Poyen	**61%**	**5%**	**$3,930**

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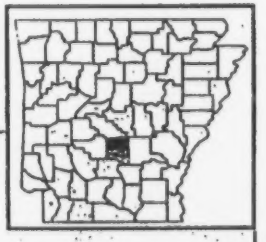
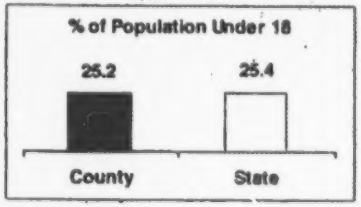


Greene County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **9,411**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.2**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **9**

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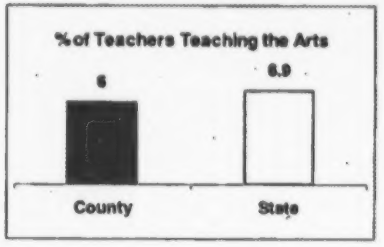
COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

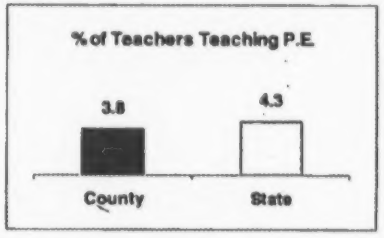
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **30**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **4 (1.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **12 (9.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **14 (8.6)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **19**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (2.4)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (5.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (4.3)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (2,149)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (1)
National or state parks **Crowley's Ridge State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **317**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **271**
Number of 4-H clubs **13**
Number of youth in 4-H **4,269**

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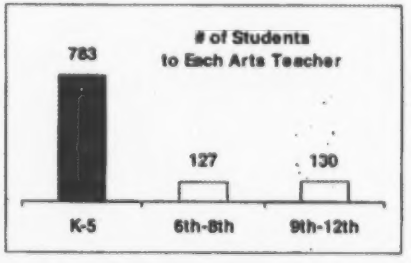

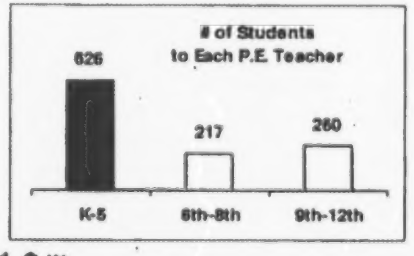

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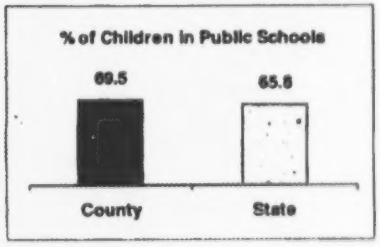
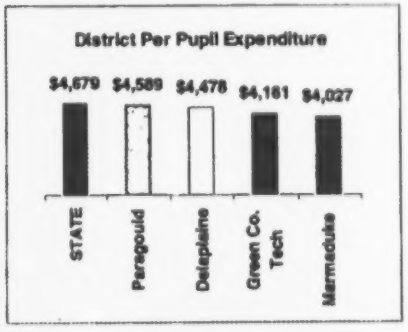
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **6,474**
Number of children in grades K-5 **3,132**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **1,519**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,823**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Marmaduke	47%	31%	$4,027
Delaplaine	47%	25%	$4,478
Greene Co. Tech	54%	47%	$4,161
Paragould	59%	21%	$4,589

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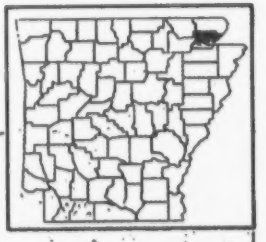
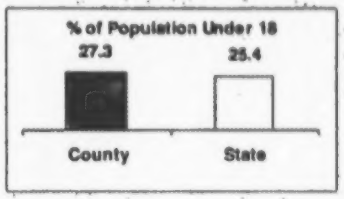


Hempstead County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **6,446**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **27.3**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **14**

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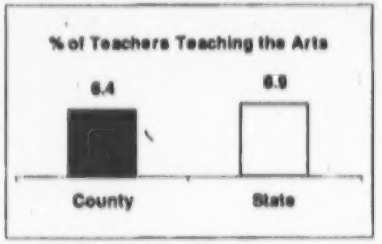
COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

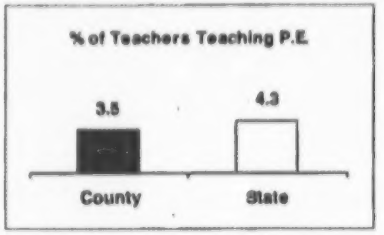
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **20**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **9 (12.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **11 (9.6)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **11**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (0.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (6.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (4.4)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (3,044), Arts in Education (1,500), Arts in Parks (3,463)
National or state parks **Old Washington State Park**
Activities available in parks **museum, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **142**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **268**
Number of 4-H clubs **10**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,226**

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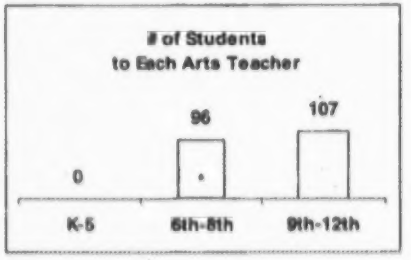

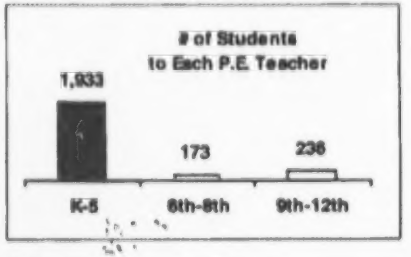

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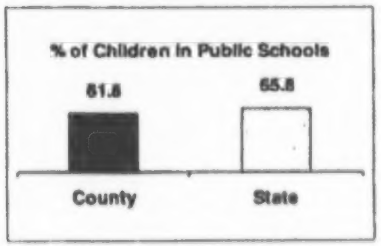
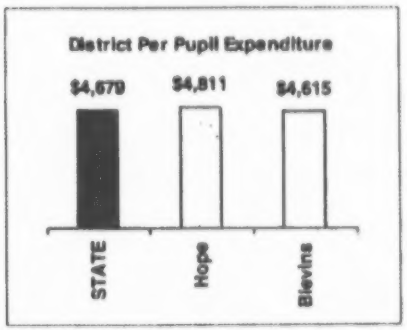
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,977**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,933**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **865**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,179**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Blevins	28%	19%	$4,615
Hope	37%	22%	$4,811

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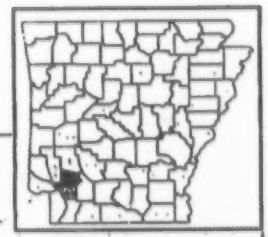

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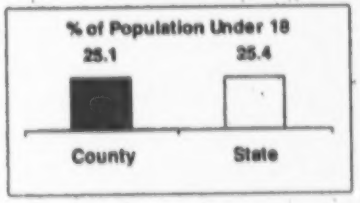
Hot Spring County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **7,608**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.1**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **9**

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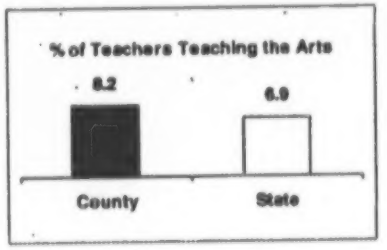
COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

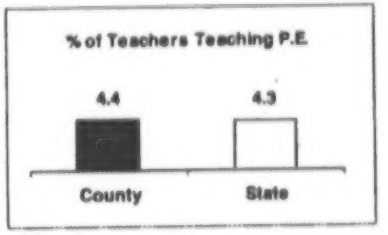
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **35**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **5 (3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **13 (11.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **17 (11.6)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **19**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (1.2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **11 (9.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (4.1)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (1,040)
National or state parks **Lake Catherine State Park**
Activites available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming, tennis, golf**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **281**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **187**
Number of 4-H clubs **20**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,202**

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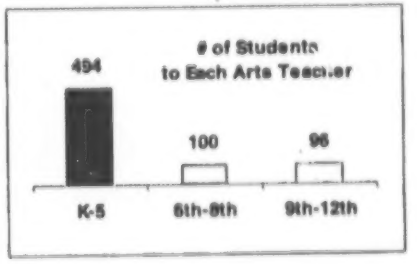

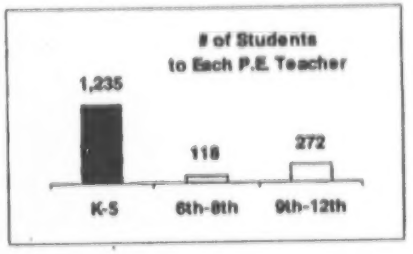

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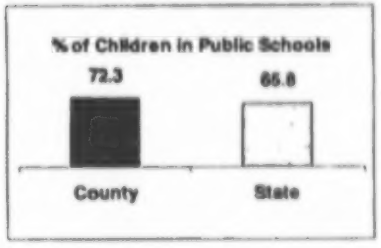
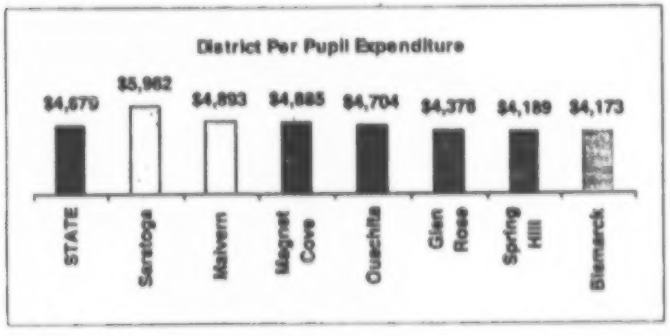
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **5,396**
Number of children in grades K-5 **2,470**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **1,297**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,629**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Ouachita	54%	35%	$4,704
Glen Rose	57%	17%	$4,376
Malvern	27%	28%	$4,893
Spring Hill	67%	16%	$4,189
Bismarck	45%	23%	$4,173
Magnet Cove	56%	20%	$4,885
Saratoga	8%	7%	$5,962

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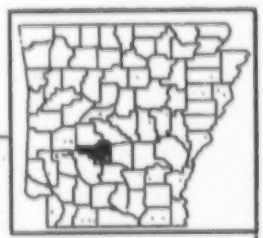
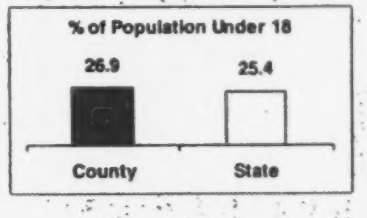


Howard County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **3,840**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **26.9**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **12**

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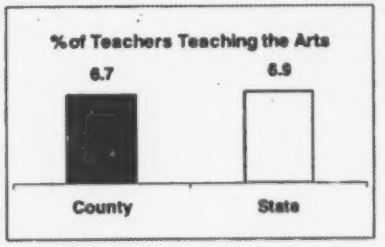
COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

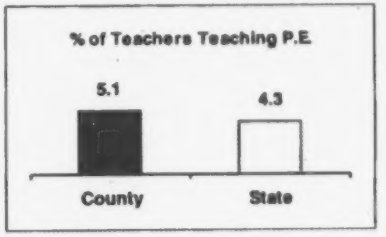
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **17**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (2.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **6 (8.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **9 (9.5)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **13**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (7.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (8.4)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **0**
National or state parks **Gilham Lake**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic, swimming, tennis, golf**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **47**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **105**
Number of 4-H clubs **18**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,416**

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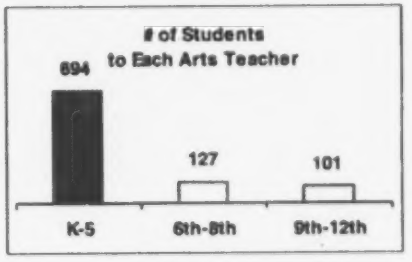

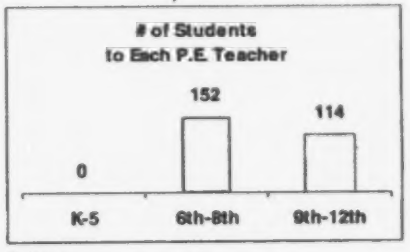

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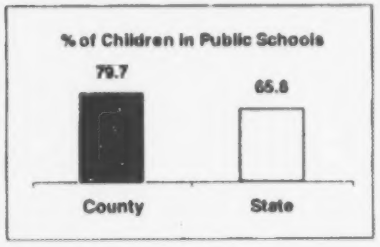
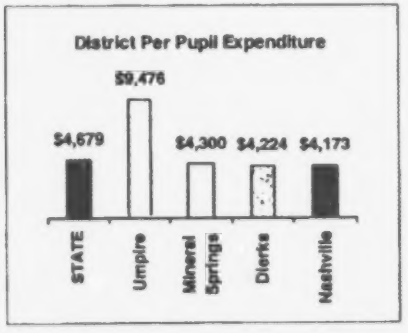
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,062**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,388**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **761**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **913**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Nashville	34%	22%	$4,173
Mineral Springs	50%	12%	$4,300
Umpire	80%	25%	$9,476
Dierks	68%	11%	$4,224

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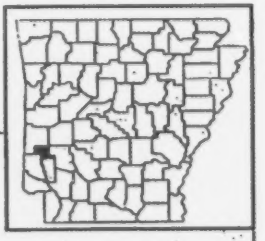
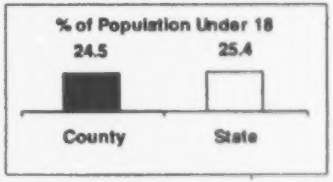


Independence County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **8,396**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **24.5**



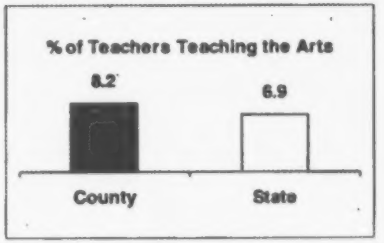
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **4**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

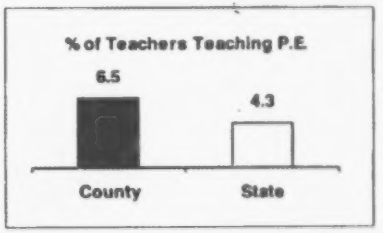
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **43**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **7 (3.5)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **15 (10.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **21 (11.6)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **34**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (4.4)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **10 (7.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **15 (8.3)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (1,086), Arts in Parks (17)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked Fishing and Not on Drugs (1)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **342**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **271**
Number of 4-H clubs **16**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,626**

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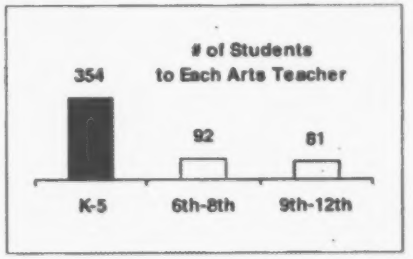

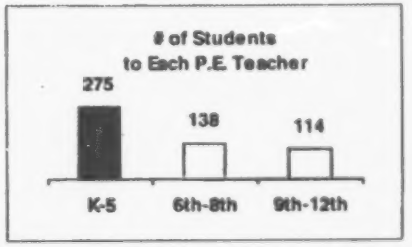

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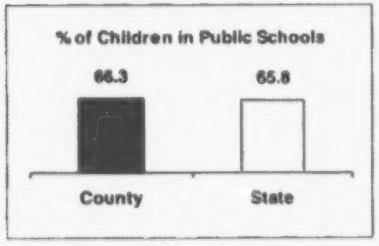
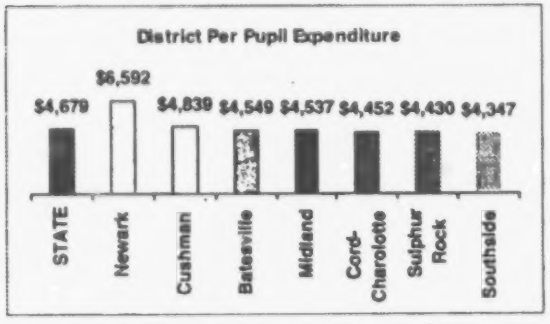
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **5,572**
Number of children in grades K-5 **2,477**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **1,384**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,711**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Cord-Charlotte	93%	24%	$4,452
Batesville	66%	29%	$4,549
Southside	57%	13%	$4,347
Newark	38%	47%	$6,592
Midland	44%	28%	$4,537
Sulphur Rock	62%	7%	$4,430
Cushman	31%	36%	$4,839

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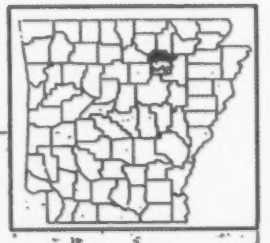
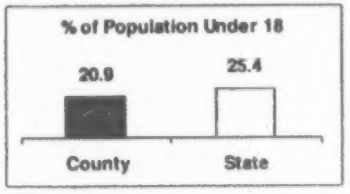


Izard County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,768**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **20.9**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **4**

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COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **19**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **10 (14.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **9 (12)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **15**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (3.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (10.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (8)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (1,324)**
National or state parks **Gunner Pool National Recreational Area, Bark Shed National Recreational Area**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **52**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **50**
Number of 4-H clubs **10**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,633**

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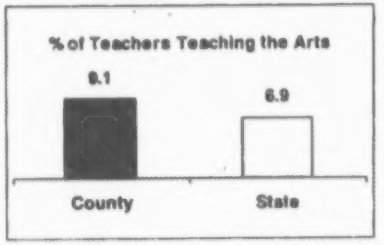

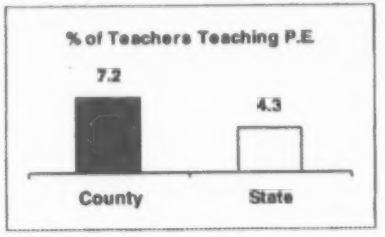

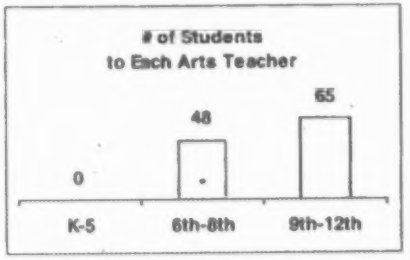

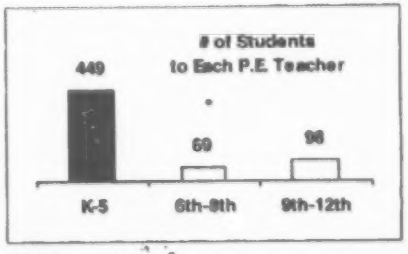

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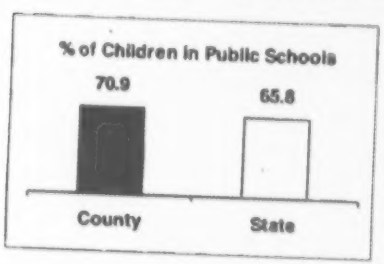
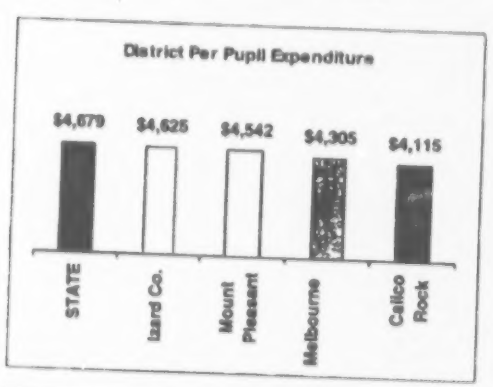
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 1,962
Number of children in grades K-5 897
Number of children in grades 6-8 480
Number of children in grades 9-12 585





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Calico Rock	43%	38%	$4,115
Mount Pleasant	47%	91%	$4,542
Izard Co.	76%	36%	$4,625
Melbourne	66%	54%	$4,305

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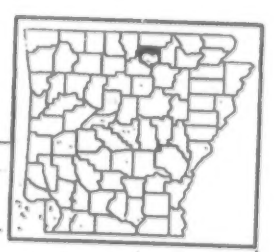
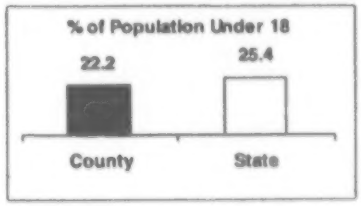


Jackson County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **4,081**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **22.2**



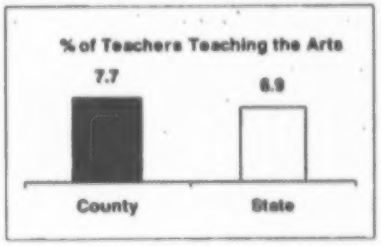
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **4**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

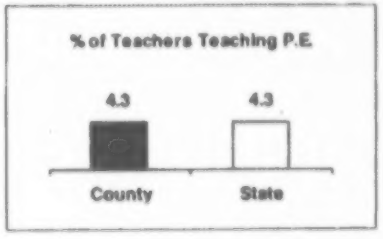
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **18**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (2.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **8 (12.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **8 (9.6)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **10**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (1.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (7.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (4.8)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (7,741)
National or state parks **Jacksonport Historical Museum**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming, tennis, golf**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **150**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **92**
Number of 4-H clubs **8**
Number of youth in 4-H **738**

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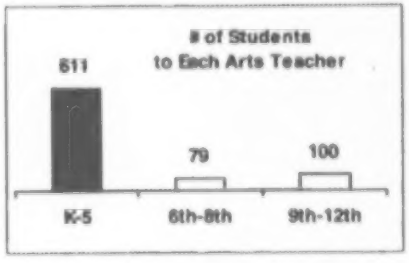

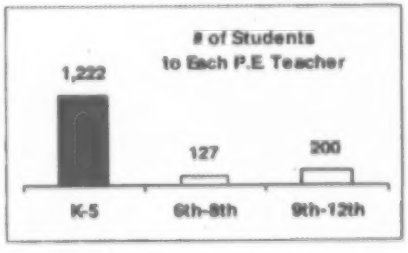

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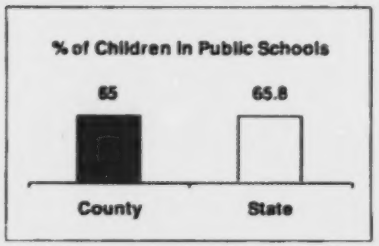
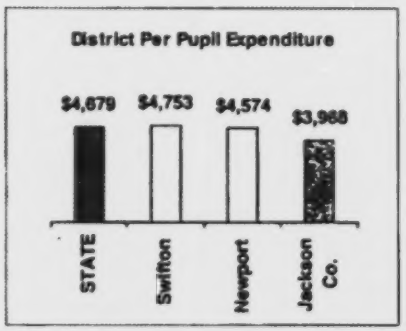
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 2,654
Number of children in grades K-5 1;222
Number of children in grades 6-8 634
Number of children in grades 9-12 798





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Jackson Co.	66%	5%	$3,968
Newport	32%	10%	$4,574
Swifton	47%	n/a	$4,753

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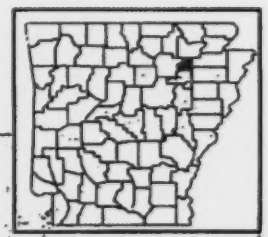
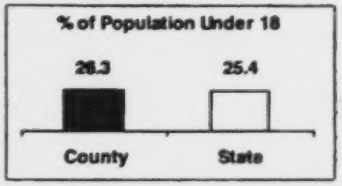


Jefferson County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **22,161**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **26.3**



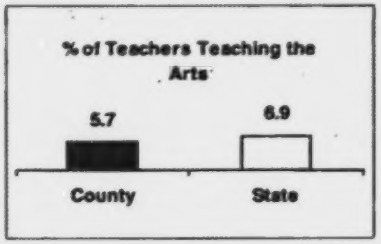
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **30**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

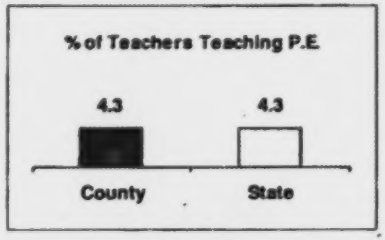
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **60**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **15 (3.2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **19 (7.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **26 (7.6)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **45**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (1.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **20 (8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **17 (5)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (2,214), Arts in Education (341)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (2)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **445**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **833**
Number of 4-H clubs **35**
Number of youth in 4-H **3,518**

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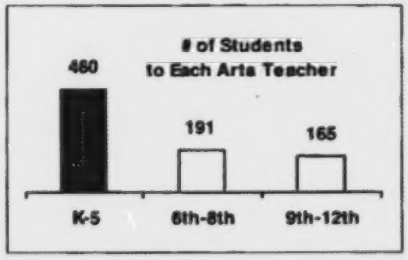

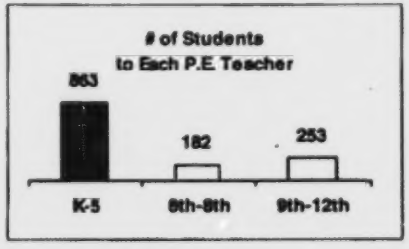

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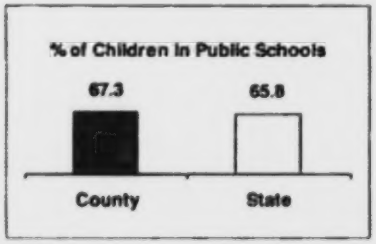
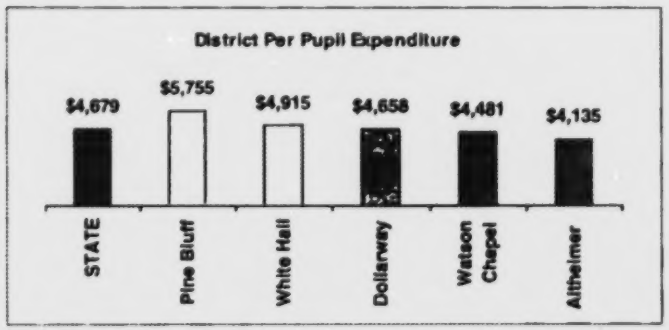
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **14,841**
Number of children in grades K-5 **6,907**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **3,634**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **4,300**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Watson Chapel	28%	12%	$4,481
Pine Bluff	19%	10%	$5,755
White Hall	50%	36%	$4,915
Altheimer	19%	5%	$4,135
Dollarway	20%	12%	$4,658

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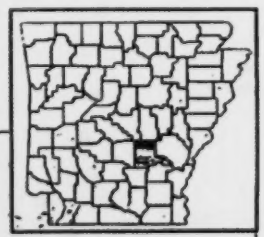
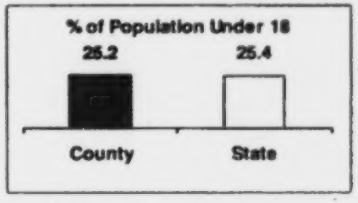


Johnson County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **5,733**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **25.2**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **5**

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COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **29**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **4 (3.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **12 (12.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **13 (9.6)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **19**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (0.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **11 (11.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (5.2)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (2,657)
National or state parks **Haw Creek Falls National Recreational Area, Horsehead Lake National Recreational Area, Ozone National Recreational Area, Wolf Pen National Recreational Area**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **151**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **282**
Number of 4-H clubs **8**
Number of youth in 4-H **654**

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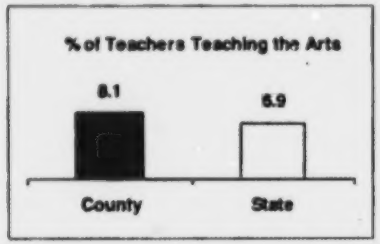

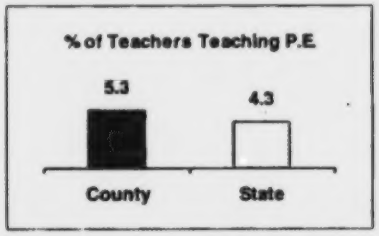

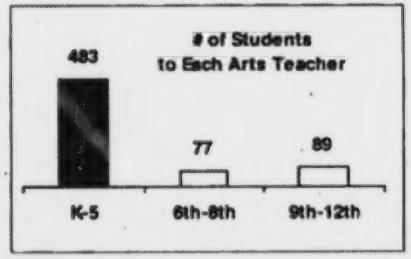

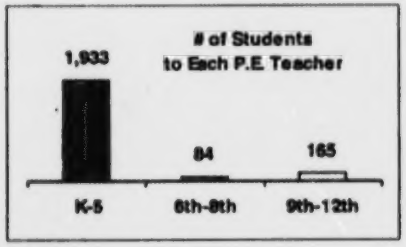

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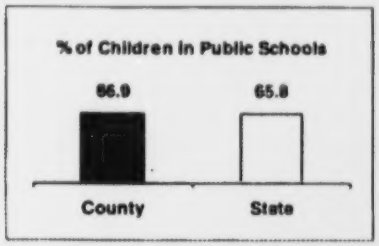
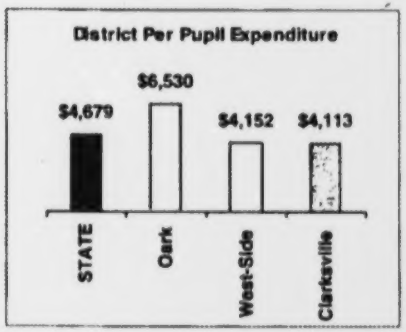
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **4,010**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,933**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **919**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,158**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Oark	27%	18%	$6,530
Clarksville	68%	38%	$4,113
West-Side	75%	31%	$4,152

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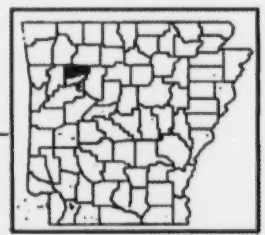
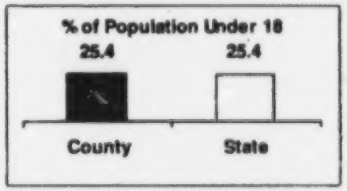


Lafayette County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 2,174
Percent of population under 18 in 200 25.4



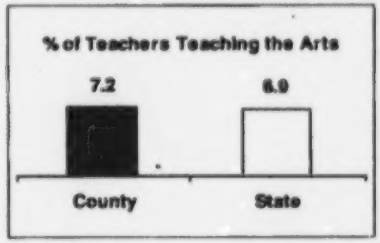
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries 4

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts 10
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts 0
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts 3 (7.5)
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts 7 (14.3)



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. 5
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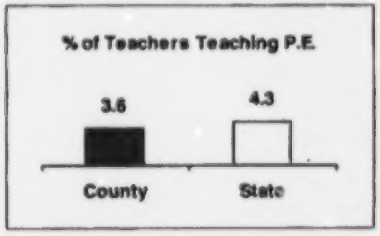

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 0
National or state parks 0
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] 39
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] 122
Number of 4-H clubs 4
Number of youth in 4-H 531

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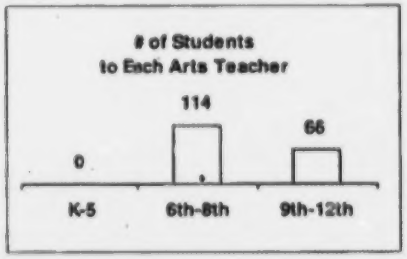

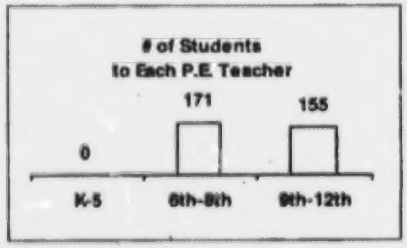

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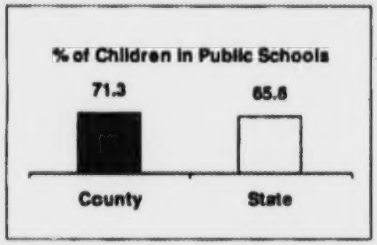
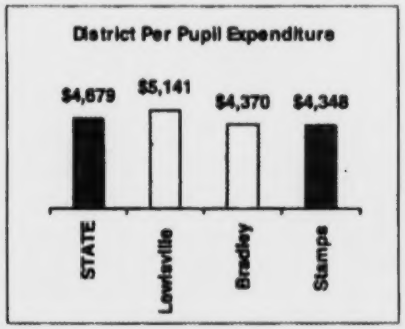
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **1,549**
Number of children in grades K-5 **742**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **342**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **465**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Lewisville	45%	19%	$5,141
Bradley	31%	21%	$4,370
Stamps	29%	10%	$4,348

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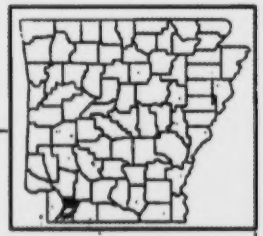
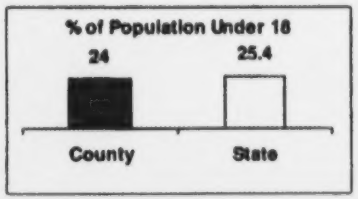


Lawrence County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **4,258**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **24**



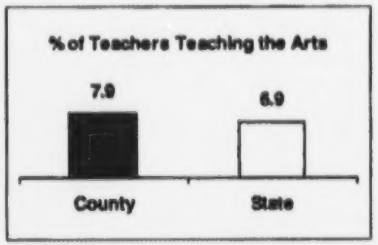
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **7**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

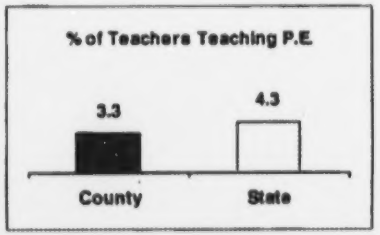
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **24**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (2.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **9 (10.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **13 (10.9)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **10**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (4.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (4.2)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (1,103)**
National or state parks **Lake Charles State Park, Powhatan Courthouse State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **231**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **98**
Number of 4-H clubs **8**
Number of youth in 4-H **907**

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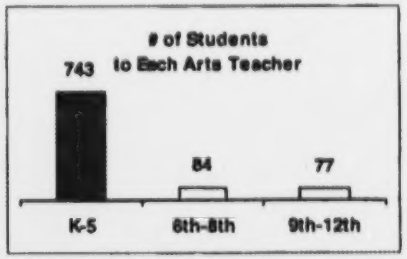

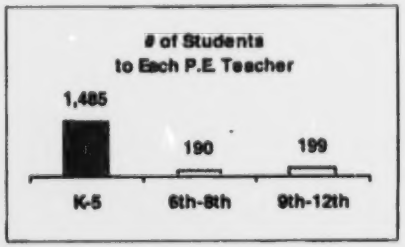

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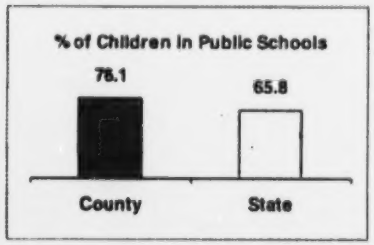
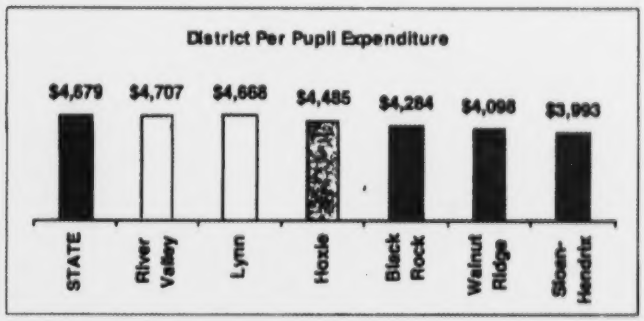
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,240**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,485**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **760**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **995**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
River Valley	39%	48%	$4,707
Hoxie	37%	15%	$4,485
Walnut Ridge	27%	31%	$4,098
Lynn	37%	20%	$4,668
Black Rock	67%	29%	$4,284
Sloan-Hendrix	62%	20%	$3.,993

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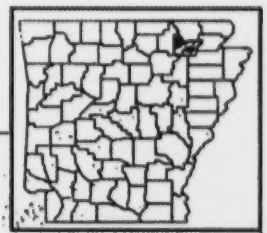
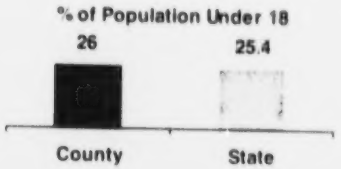


Lee County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **3,277**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **26**



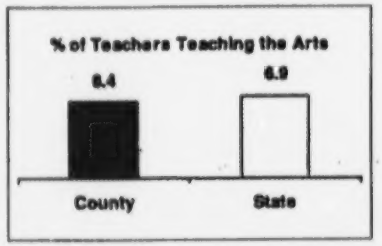
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **2**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

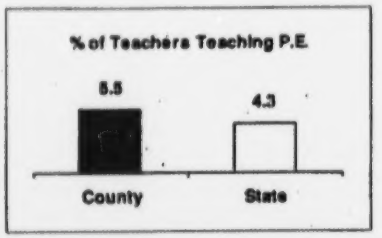
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **7**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **4 (14.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **3 (7.1)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **6**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (11.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (7.1)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (1,124)
National or state parks **Bear Creek Lake National Recreational Area**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **15**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **2**
Number of youth in 4-H **221**

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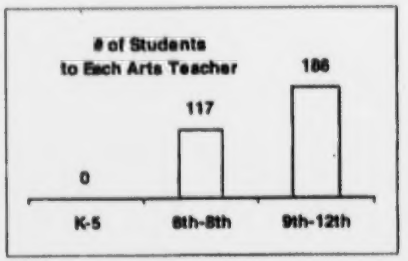

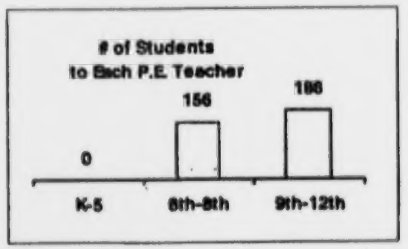

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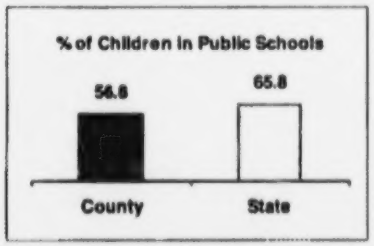
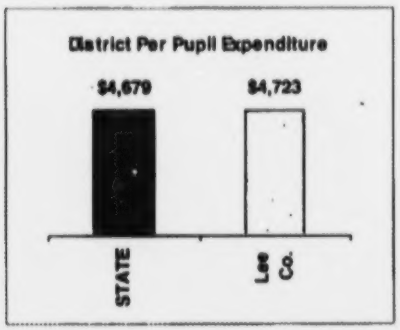
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **1,864**
Number of children in grades K-5 **836**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **469**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **559**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Lee Co.	**11%**	**9%**	**$4,723**

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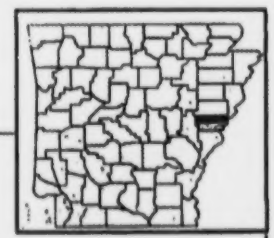
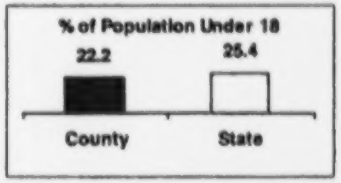


Lincoln County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **3,215**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **22.2**



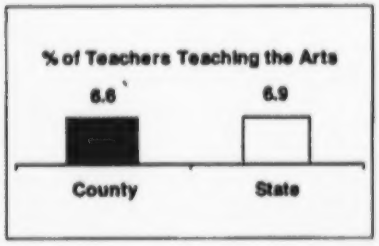
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **4**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

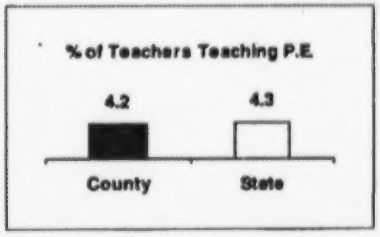
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **11**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **3 (4.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **2 (5.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **6 (9.1)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **7**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (1.5)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (5.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (6)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts in Education (129)
National or state parks **Cane Creek State park**
Activities available in parks **fishing, boat ramp, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **37**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **51**
Number of 4-H clubs **1**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,279**

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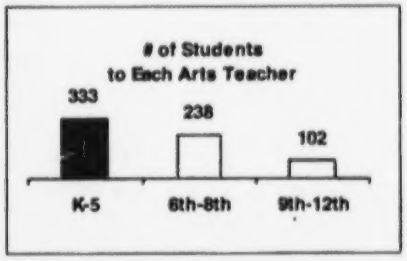
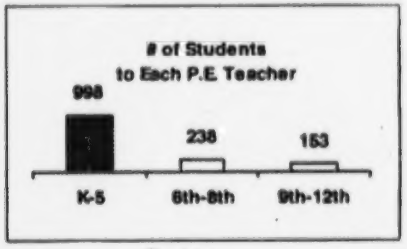
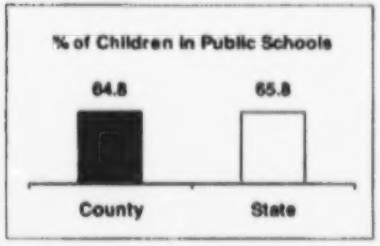


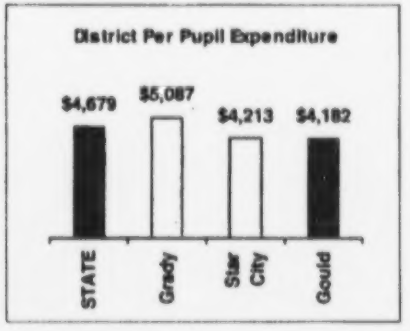


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **2,084**
Number of children in grades K-5 **998**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **475**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **611**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Gould	22%	n/a	$4,182
Grady	11%	6%	$5,087
Star City	51%	33%	$4,213

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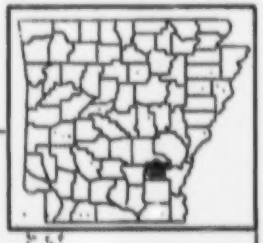
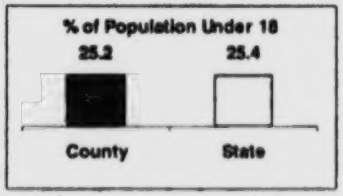


Little River County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **3,430**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.2**



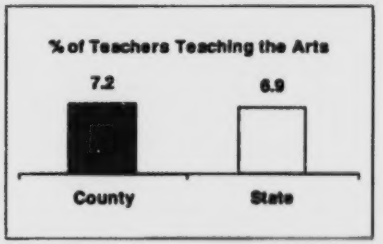
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **10**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

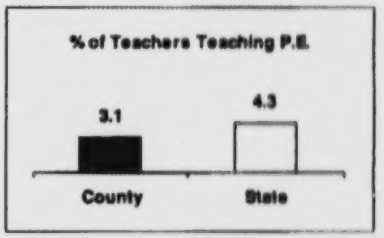
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **14**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **3 (4)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **5 (10)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **6 (8.6)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **6**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (1.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (4.3)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (410), Arts in Education (24,197)
National or state parks **Millwood State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **4**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **126**
Number of 4-H clubs **10**
Number of youth in 4-H **608**

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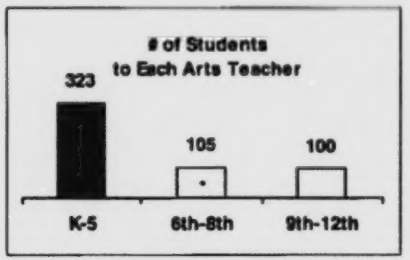

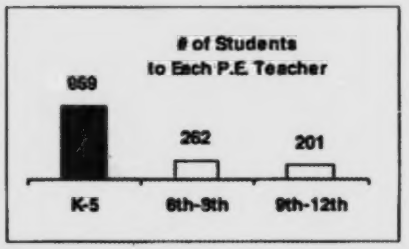

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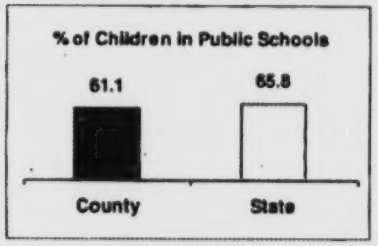
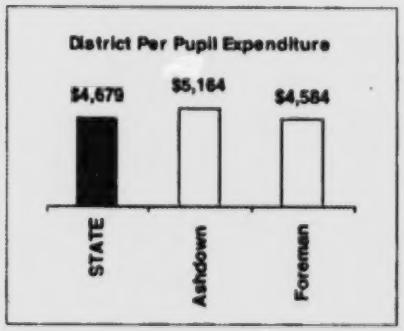
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **2,095**
Number of children in grades K-5 **969**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **524**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **602**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Ashdown	31%	19%	$5,164
Foreman	57%	21%	$4,584

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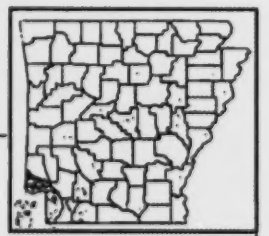
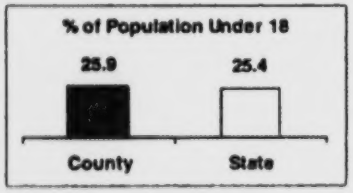


Logan County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **5,824**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.9**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **7**

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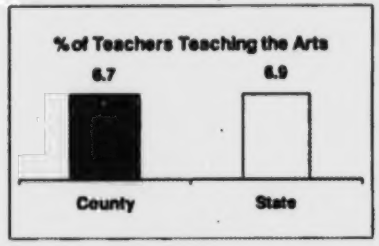
COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

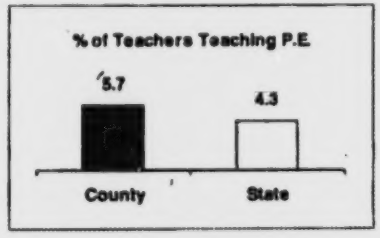
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **20**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **5 (4.4)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **8 (9.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **7 (7)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **17**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (3.5)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (8.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (6)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (900)**
National or state parks **Cove Lake National Recreational Area, Jack Creek National Recreational Area, Magazine Mountain National Recreational Area, Blue Mountain Lake**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **161**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **427**
Number of 4-H clubs **12**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,930**

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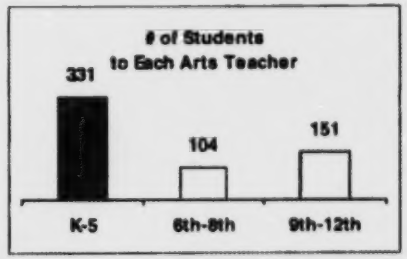

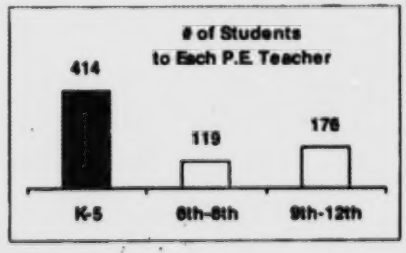

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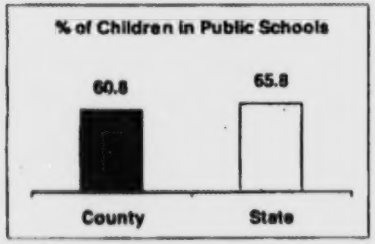
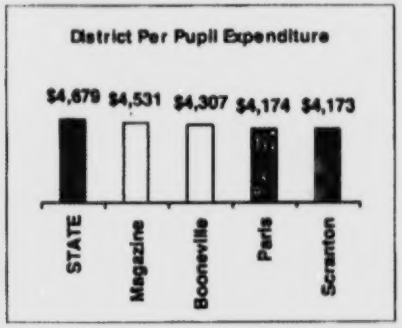
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,545**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,657**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **833**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,055**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Paris	45%	11%	$4,174
Booneville	74%	42%	$4,307
Scranton	64%	24%	$4,173
Magazine	n/a	32%	$4,531

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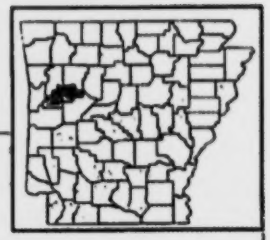
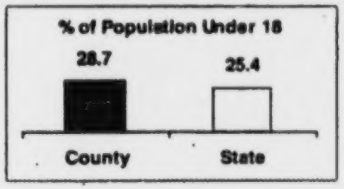


Lonoke County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **15,188**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **28.7**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **13**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **52**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **8 (2.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **22 (12.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **22 (9.1)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **22**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (1.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (3.3)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (3,835), Arts in Education (540)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (1)
National or state parks **Toltec Mounds State Park**
Activities available in parks **museum, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **587**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **461**
Number of 4-H clubs **10**
Number of youth in 4-H **2,411**

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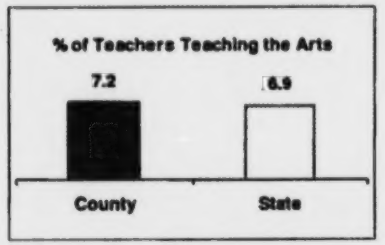
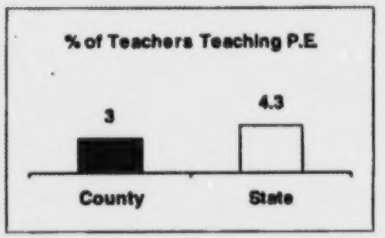
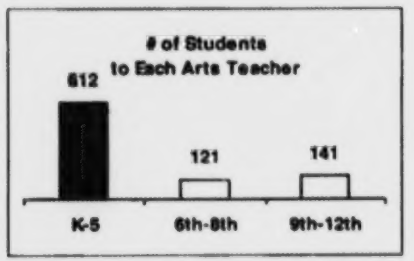
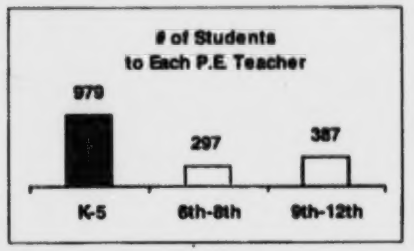




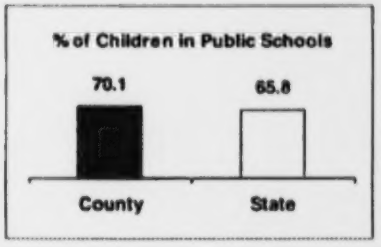


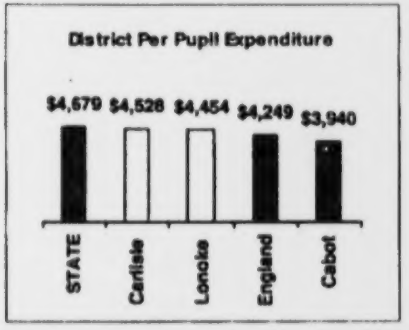


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **10,660**
Number of children in grades K-5 **4,896**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **2,670**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **3,094**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
England	31%	3%	$4,249
Carlisle	51%	34%	$4,528
Cabot	55%	31%	$3,940
Lonoke	50%	17%	$4,454

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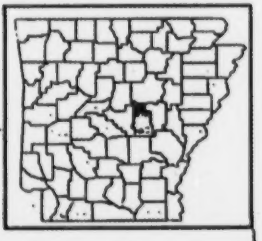
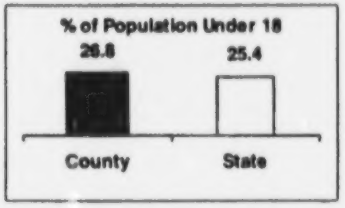


Madison County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **3,817**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **26.8**



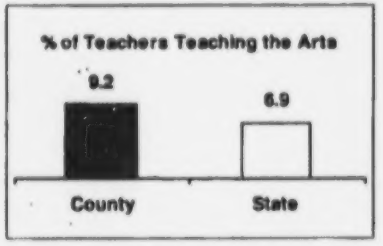
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **4**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

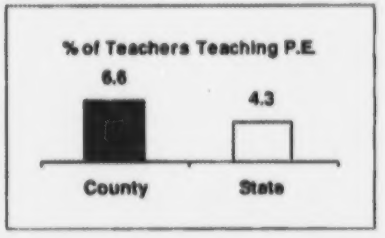
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **18**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **4 (5.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **7 (11.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **7 (10.5)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **13**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (4.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (6.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (9)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (32)
National or state parks **Withrow Springs State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic, swimming, tennis**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **96**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **218**
Number of 4-H clubs **10**
Number of youth in 4-H **971**

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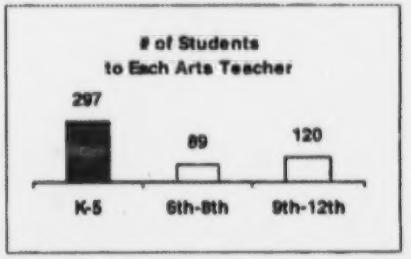

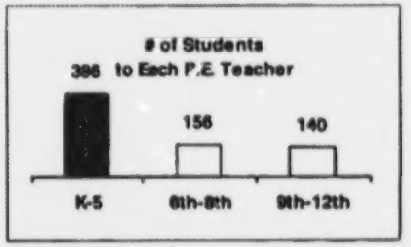

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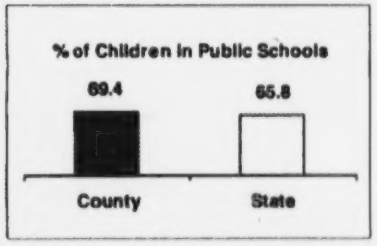
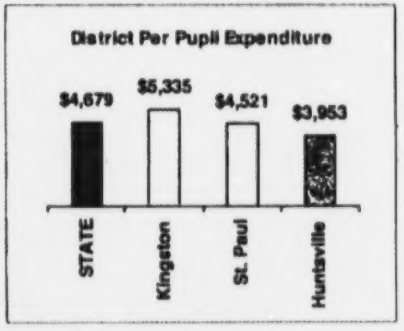
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **2,649**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,187**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **625**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **837**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Kingston	62%	12%	$5,335
St. Paul	62%	15%	$4,521
Huntsville	52%	32%	$3,953

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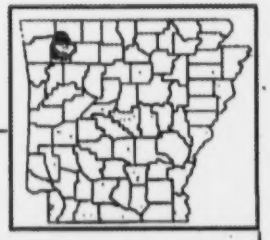
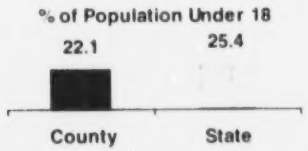


Marion County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **3,571**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **22.1**



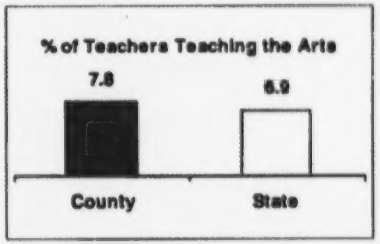
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **2**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

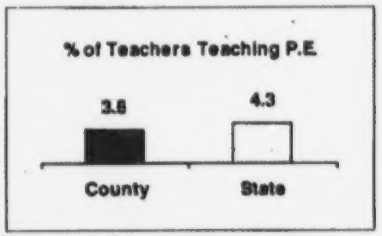
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **15**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (1.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **7 (11.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **7 (10.1)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **7**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (6.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (4.4)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (2,851)
National or state parks **Buffalo National River, Bull Shoals Lake**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming, tennis**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **67**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **193**
Number of 4-H clubs **10**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,288**

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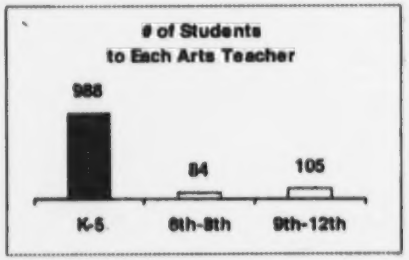

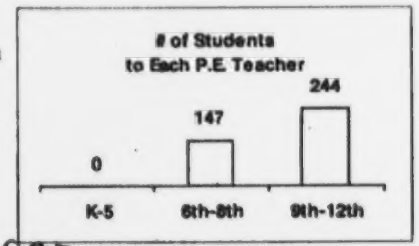

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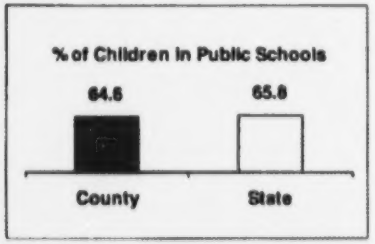
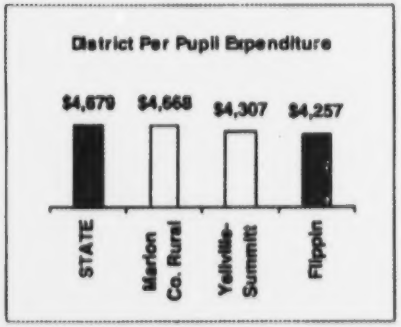
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **2,307**
Number of children in grades K-5 **988**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **587**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **732**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Marion Co. Rural	47%	26%	$4,668
Yellville-Summit	39%	33%	$4,307
Flippin	42%	16%	$4,257

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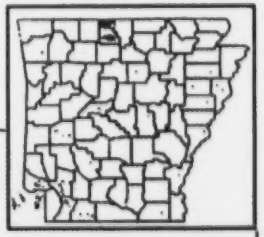
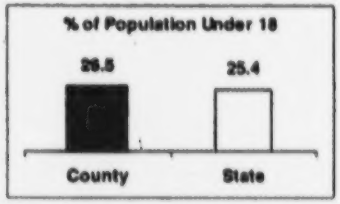


Miller County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **10,734**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **26.5**



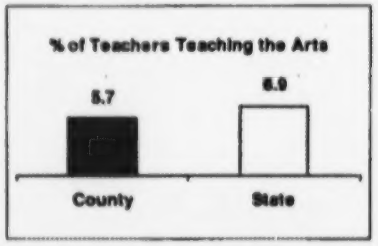
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **13**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

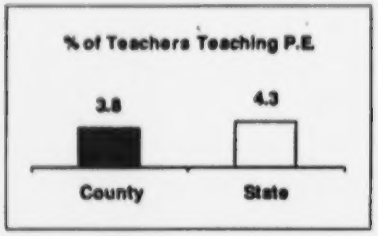
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **32**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **10 (4.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **9 (6.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **13 (7)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **21**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (2.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (6.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (3.2)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (1,112)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **366**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **572**
Number of 4-H clubs **4**
Number of youth in 4-H **2,404**

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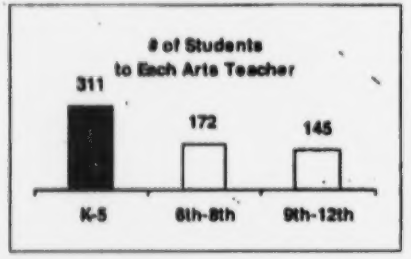

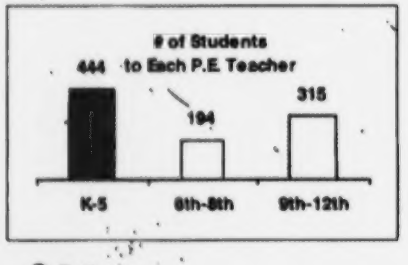

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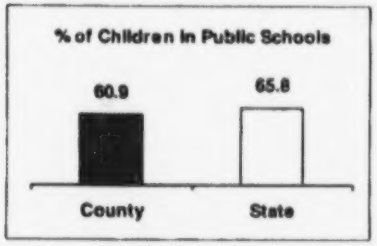
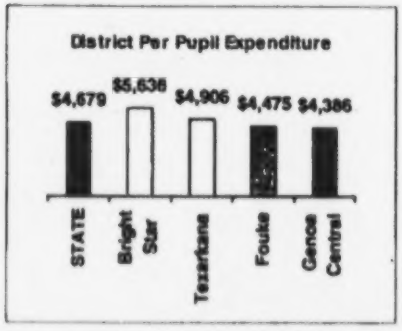
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **6,547**
Number of children in grades K-5 **3,106**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **1,551**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,890**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Texarkana	48%	15%	$4,906
Fouke	62%	52%	$4,475
Genoa Central	68%	20%	$4,389
Bright Star	67%	18%	$5,636

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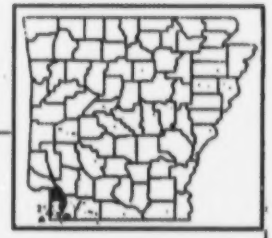
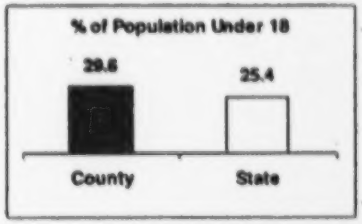


Mississippi County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **15,407**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **29.6**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **10**

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COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **55**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **6 (1.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **22 (10.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **27 (9.9)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **42**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (1.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **15 (6.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **21 (7.7)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (102), Arts in Education (7,000)**
National or state parks **Hampson Museum Historic Memorial, Herman Davis Monument Historic Memorial**
Activities available in parks **museum, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **414**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **263**
Number of 4-H clubs **5**
Number of youth in 4-H **3,338**

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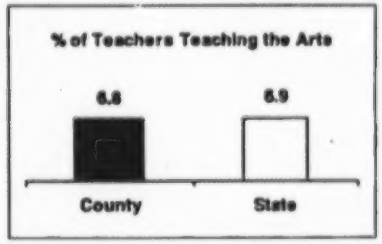

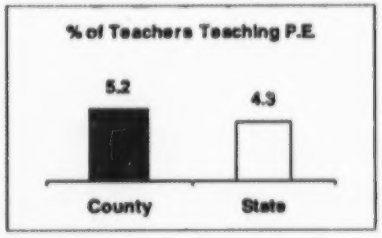

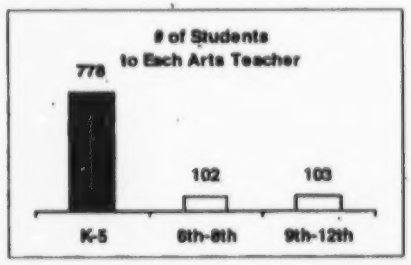

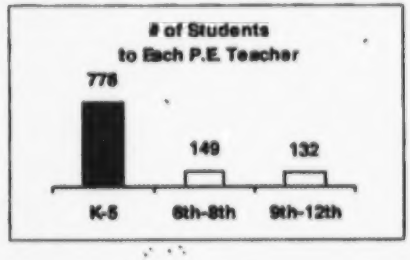

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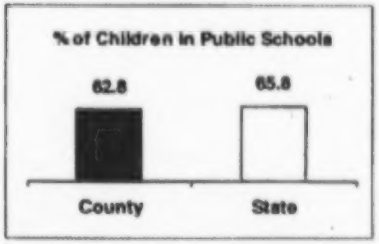
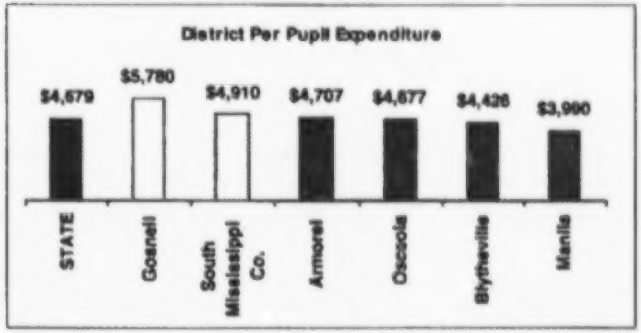
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 9,688
Number of children in grades K-5 4,669
Number of children in grades 6-8 2,242
Number of children in grades 9-12 2,777





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Gosnell	23%	28%	$5,780
Manila	51%	17%	$3,990
Armorel	40%	30%	$4,707
Osceola	30%	12%	$4,677
Blytheville	29%	23%	$4,426
South Mississippi Co.	36%	11%	$4,910

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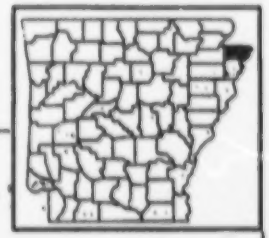
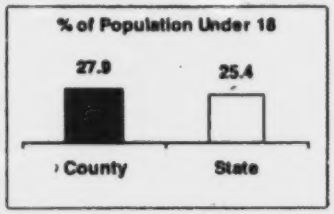


Monroe County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,862**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **27.9**



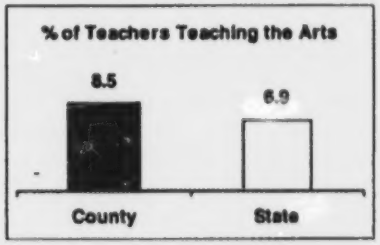
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **0**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

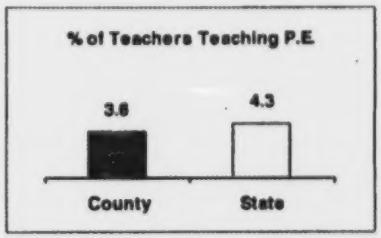
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **14**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **7 (14.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **7 (10.9)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **6**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (6.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (4.7)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (550)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **79**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **121**
Number of 4-H clubs **2**
Number of youth in 4-H **4,895**

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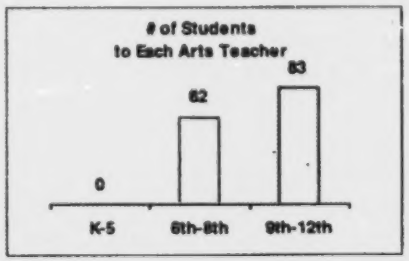

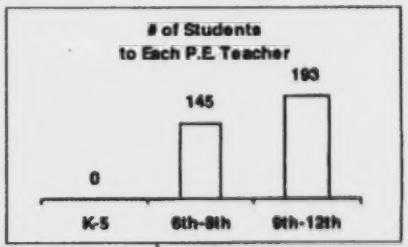

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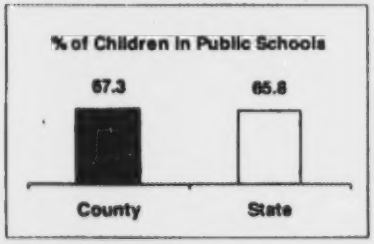
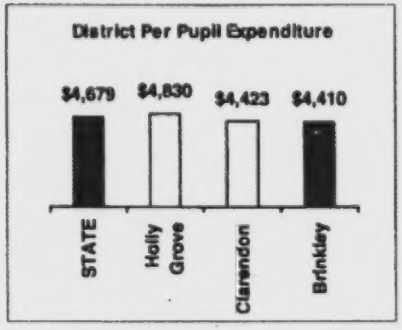
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 1,927
Number of children in grades K-5 915
Number of children in grades 6-8 434
Number of children in grades 9-12 578





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Brinkley	33%	14%	$4,410
Clarendon	57%	29%	$4,423
Holly Grove	20%	n/a	$4,830

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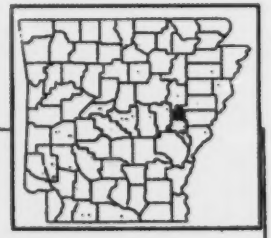
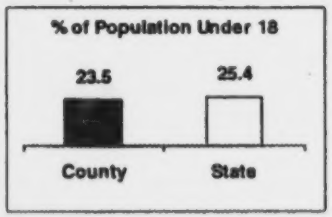


Montgomery County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,174**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **23.5**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **1**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **11**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **5 (12.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **6 (13.3)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **6**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (7.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (6.7)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **0**
National or state parks **Albert Pike, Big Brushy, Collier Springs, Crystal, Fulton Branch, Gap Creek, Little Missouri Falls, River Bluff, Rocky Shoals, Lake Ouachita national recreational areas**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **45**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **83**
Number of 4-H clubs **7**
Number of youth in 4-H **581**

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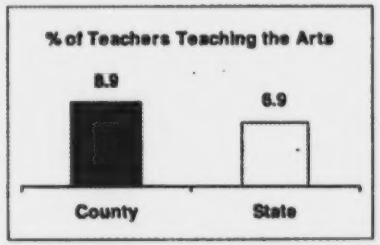

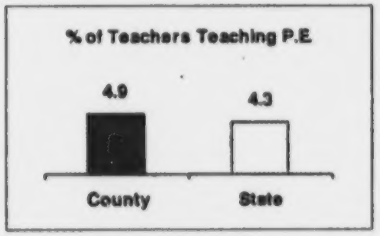

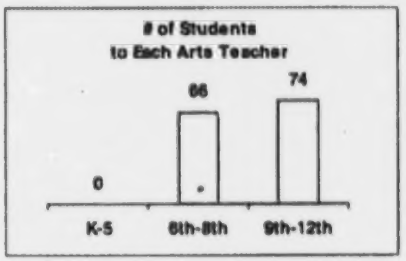

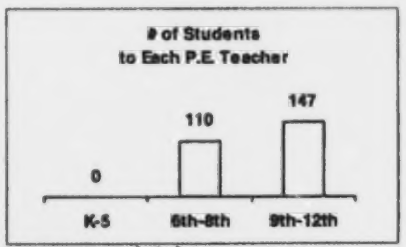

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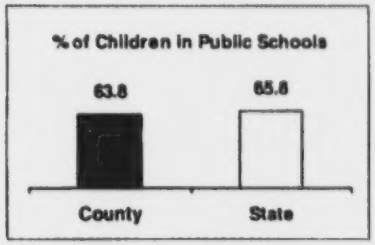
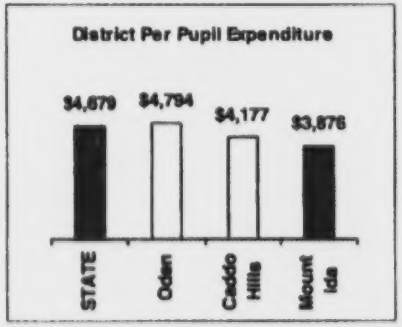
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 1,380
Number of children in grades K-5 609
Number of children in grades 6-8 329
Number of children in grades 9-12 442





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Oden	**78%**	**16%**	**$4,794**
Caddo Hills	**42%**	**8%**	**$4,177**
Mount Ida	**31%**	**39%**	**$3,876**

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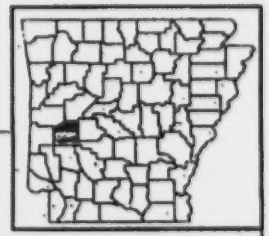
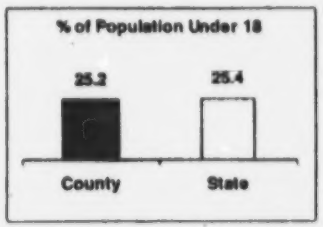


Nevada County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,509**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **25.2**



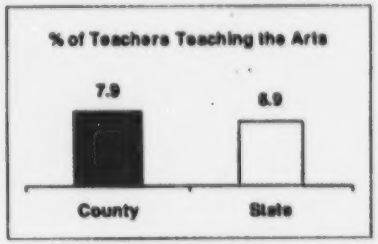
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **4**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

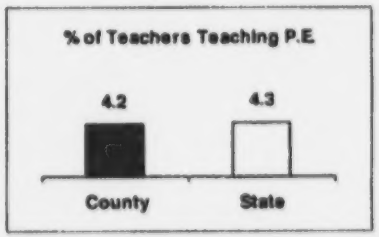
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **13**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (1.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **5 (12.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **7 (11.3)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **7**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (3.2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (2.4)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (6.5)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (400), Arts in Education (80)
National or state parks **White Oak Lake State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **55**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **41**
Number of 4-H clubs **3**
Number of youth in 4-H **477**

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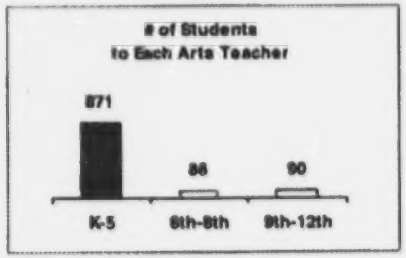

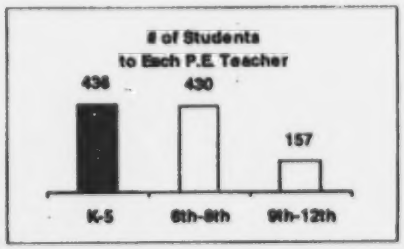

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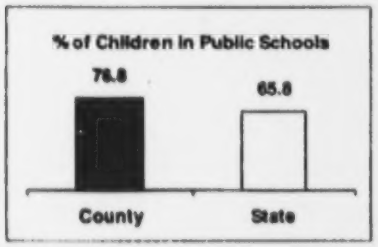
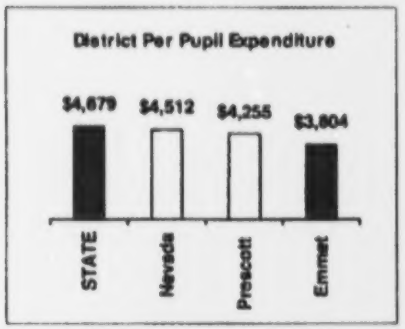
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **1,928**
Number of children in grades K-5 **871**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **430**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **627**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Nevada	24%	14%	$4,512
Prescott	57%	20%	$4,255
Emmet	33%	24%	$3,804

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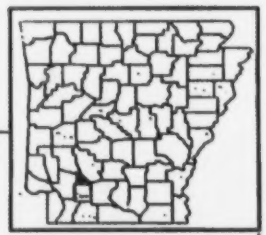
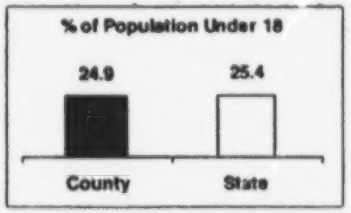


Newton County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,142**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **24.9**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **1**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **10**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **4 (10.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **6 (12.5)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **7**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (8.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (8.3)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (350)
National or state parks **Fairview National Forest Recreational Area, Alum Cove National Forest Recreational Area**
Activities available in parks **camping, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **80**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **182**
Number of 4-H clubs **7**
Number of youth in 4-H **296**

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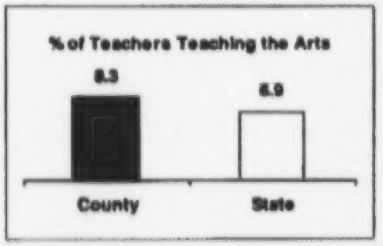

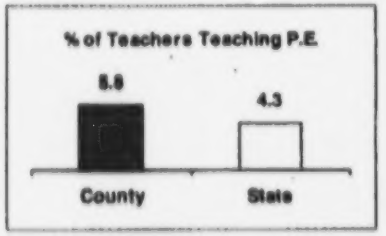

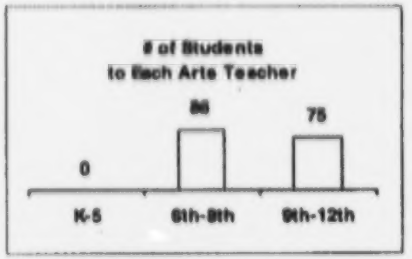

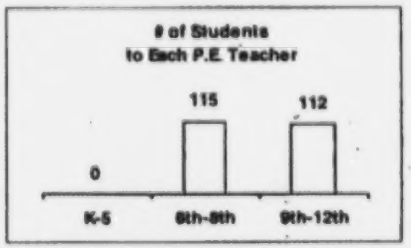

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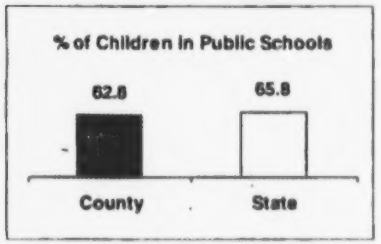
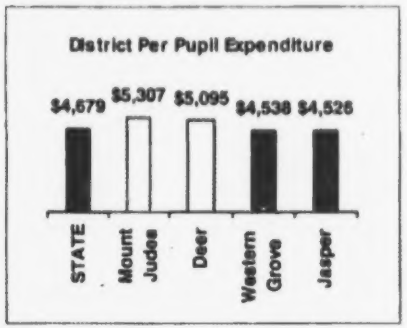
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **1,345**
Number of children in grades K-5 **552**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **344**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **449**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	11th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Deer	50%	43%	$5,095
Western Grove	41%	24%	$4,538
Mount Judea	60%	19%	$5,307
Jasper	32%	18%	$4,526

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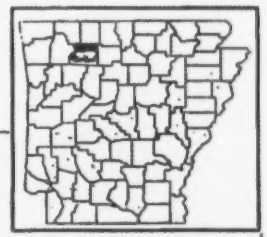
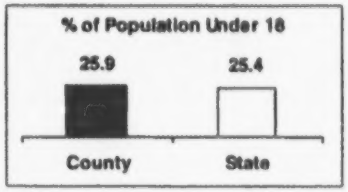


Ouachita County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **7,453**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.9**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **6**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **30**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **8 (4.2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **10 (8.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **12 (7.7)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **25**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (1.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **16 (14)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (3.9)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (775)**
National or state parks **Poison Spring Monument Historic Memorial, Ouachita River**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **109**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **22**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,343**

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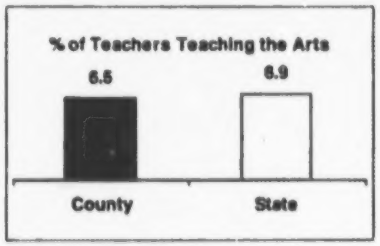

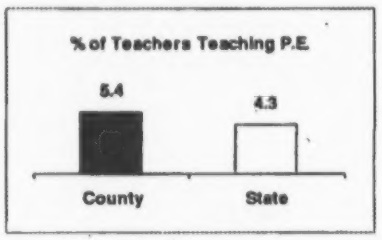

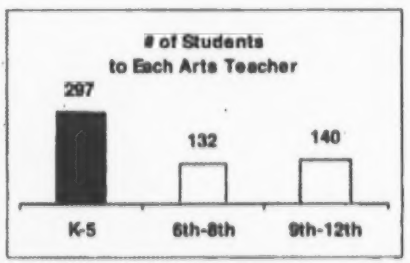

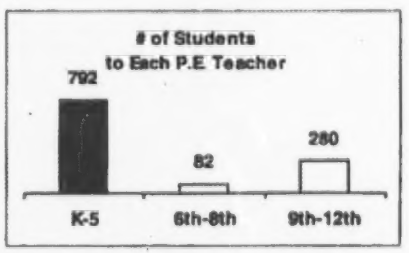

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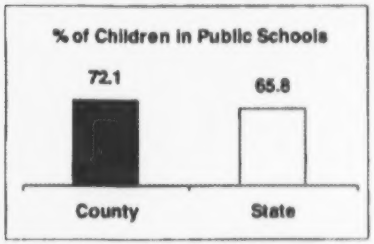
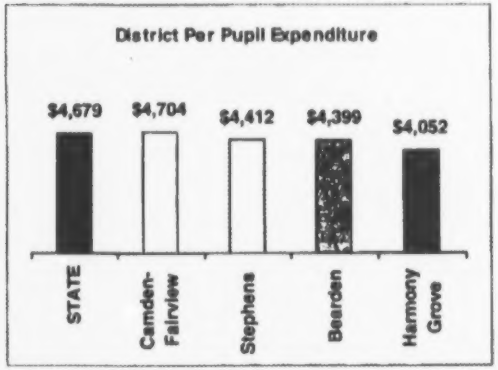
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 5,373
Number of children in grades K-5 2,376
Number of children in grades 6-8 1,318
Number of children in grades 9-12 1,679





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Harmony Grove	43%	9%	$4,052
Bearden	40%	13%	$4,399
Stephens	23%	13%	$4,412
Camden-Fairview	38%	15%	$4,704

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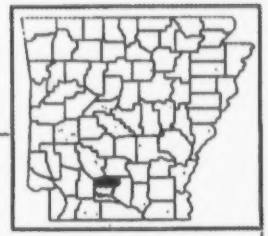
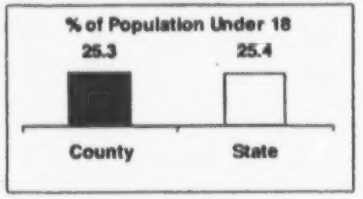


Perry County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,586**
Percent of population under 18 in 200 **25.3**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **7**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **13**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **4 (8.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **8 (11.6)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **7**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (4.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **5 (7.3)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **0**
National or state parks **Lake Sylvia National Recreational Area, South Fourche National Recreational Area**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **10**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **13**
Number of 4-H clubs **4**
Number of youth in 4-H **471**

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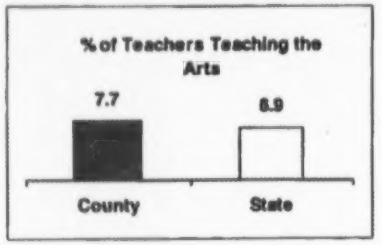
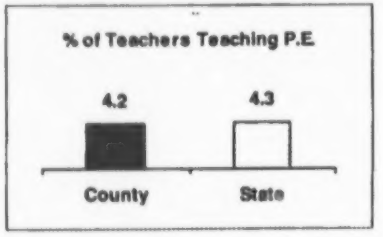
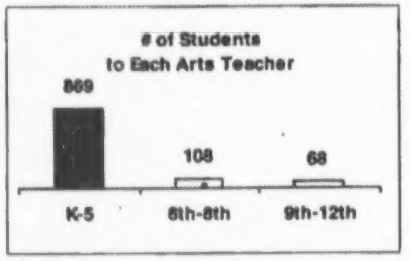
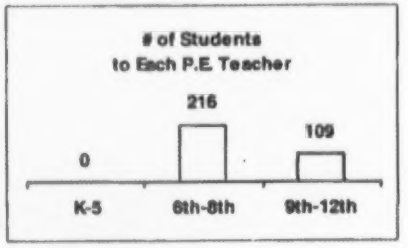




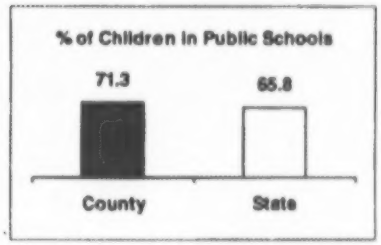


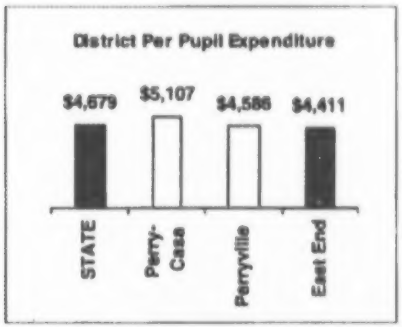


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **1,844**
Number of children in grades K-5 **869**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **432**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **543**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
East End	40%	18%	$4,411
Perryville	67%	32%	$4,586
Perry-Casa	17%	9%	$5,107

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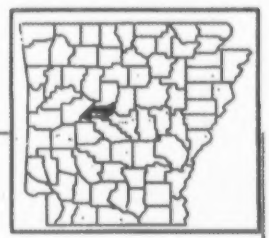
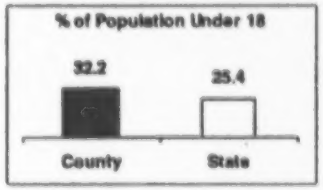


Phillips County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **8,513**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **32.2**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **9**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **24**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (1.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **9 (7.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **13 (9.2)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **18**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (6.4)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (2,759), Arts in Education (107)**
National or state parks **Louisiana Purchase Monument Historic Memorial, Storm Creek Lake National Forest Recreational Area**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **110**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **98**
Number of 4-H clubs **2**
Number of youth in 4-H **695**

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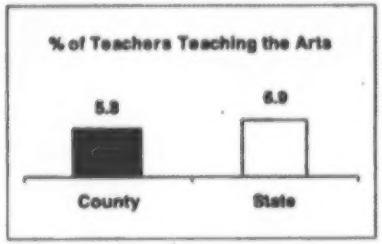
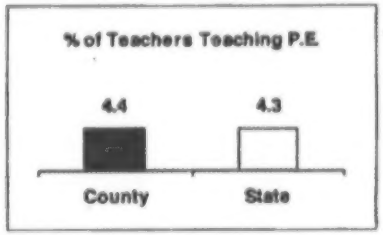
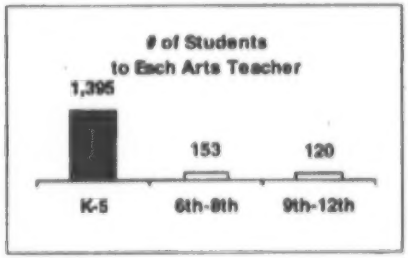
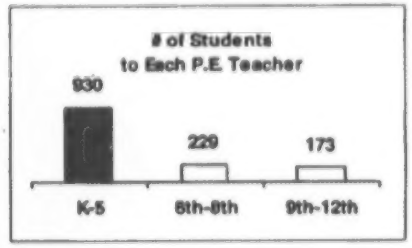




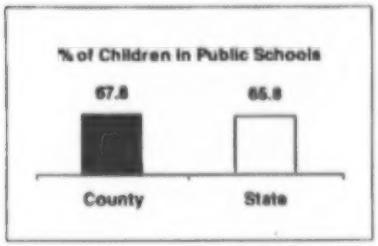


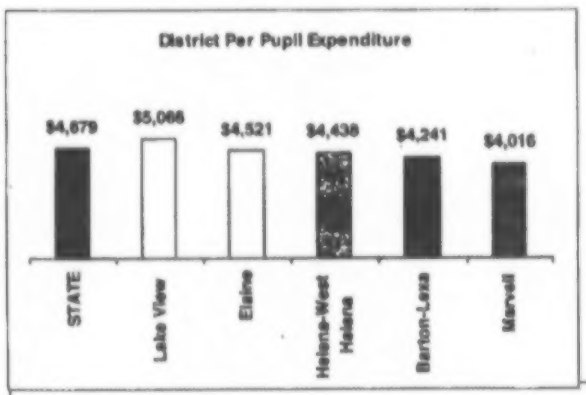


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **5,720**
Number of children in grades K-5 **2,790**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **1,376**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,554**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Helena-West Helena	18%	4%	$4,438
Lake View	40%	n/a	$5,066
Marvell	31%	6%	$4,016
Elaine	20%	8%	$4,521
Barton-Lexa	21%	6%	$4,241

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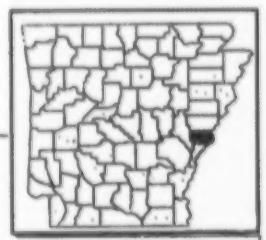
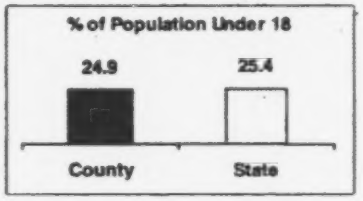


PHILLIPS COUNTY

Pike County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,816**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **24.9**



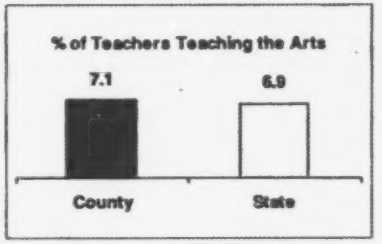
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **7**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **15**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **7 (9.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **8 (11.1)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **8**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
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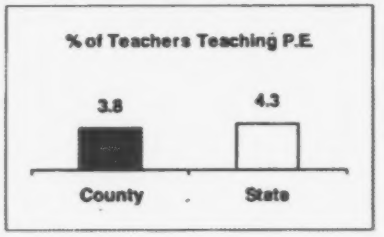

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **0**
National or state parks **Crater of Diamonds State Park, Daisy State Park, Lake Greeson**
Activities available in parks **camping, swimming, boat ramp, marina, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **69**
Number of 4-H clubs **14**
Number of youth in 4-H **879**

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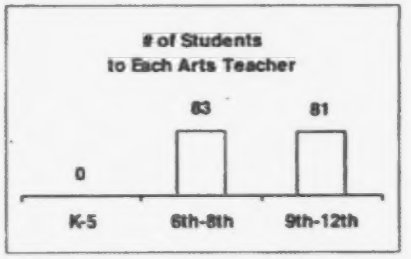
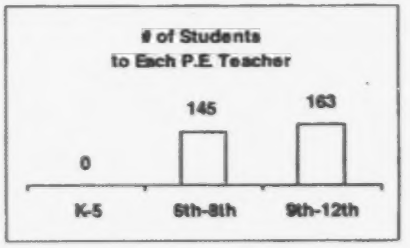
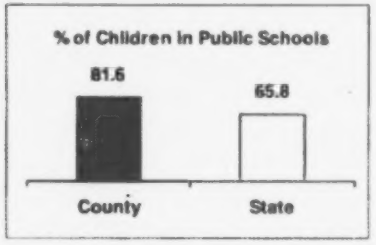


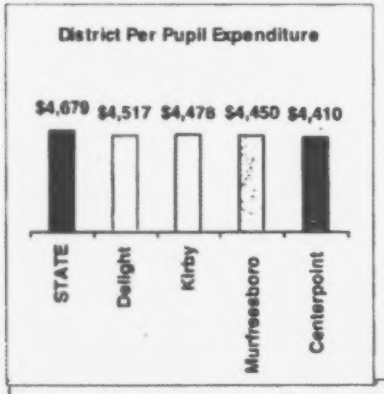


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **2,299**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,070**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **578**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **651**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Delight	59%	4%	$4,517
Kirby	62%	31%	$4,478
Murfreesboro	30%	26%	$4,450
Centerpoint	53%	22%	$4,410

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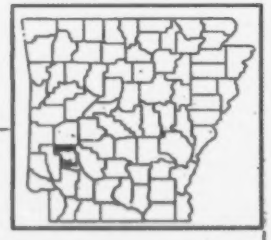
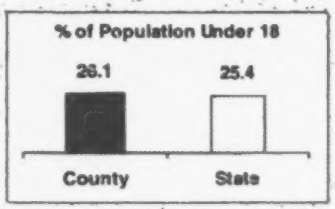


Poinsett County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **6,684**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **26.1**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **10**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **31**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **7 (4.2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **10 (10.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **14 (10.2)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **21**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (2.4)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (9.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (5.8)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (2,494)**
National or state parks **Lake Poinsett State Park**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, museum, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **352**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **133**
Number of 4-H clubs **1**
Number of youth in 4-H **6,437**

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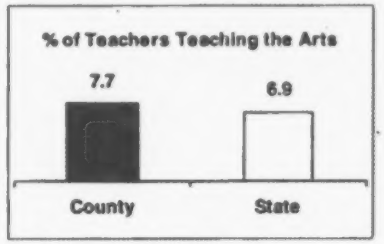

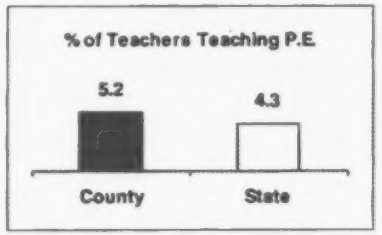

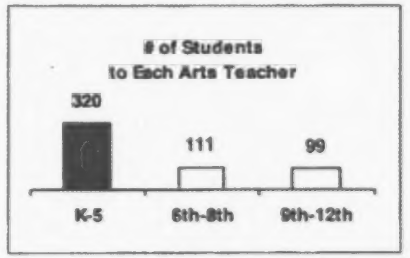

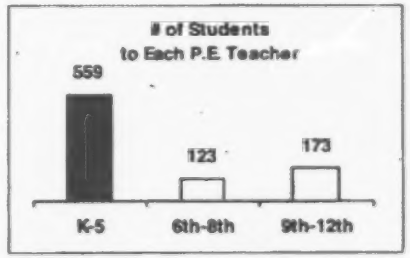

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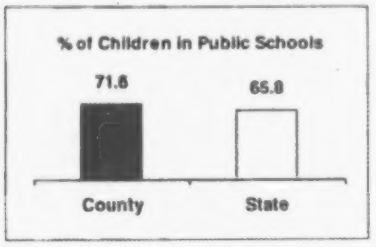
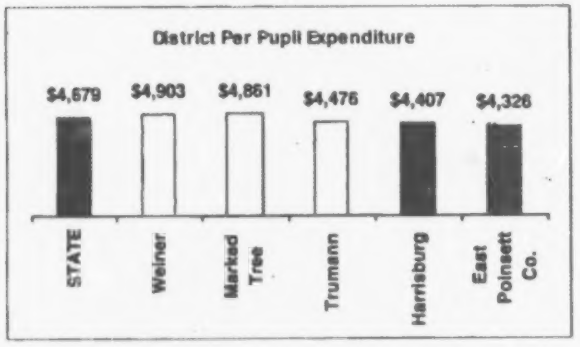
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **4,733**
Number of children in grades K-5 **2,237**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **1,110**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,386**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level*	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Wiener	68%	18%	$4,903
Marked Tree	37%	14%	$4,861
East Poinsett Co.	30%	7%	$4,326
Trumann	30%	22%	$4,476
Harrisburg	34%	13%	$4,407

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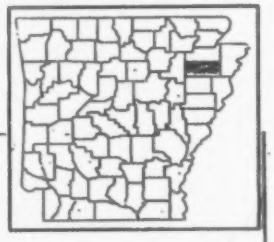
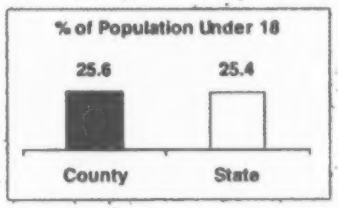


Polk County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **5,174**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.6**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **6**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **22**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (1.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **10 (10.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **10 (9.2)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **18**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (0.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (9.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **8 (7.3)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (820)**
National or state parks **Cossatot River State Park, Queen Wilhelmina State Park, Gilham Lake, and Bard Springs, Rich Mountain and Shady Lake national forest recreational areas**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **153**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **272**
Number of 4-H clubs **8**
Number of youth in 4-H **2,182**

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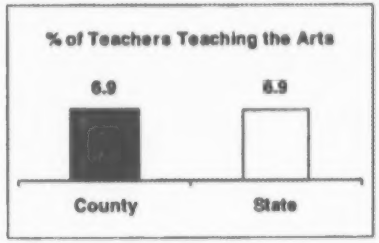

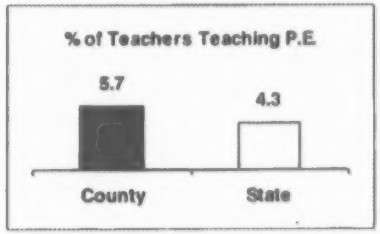

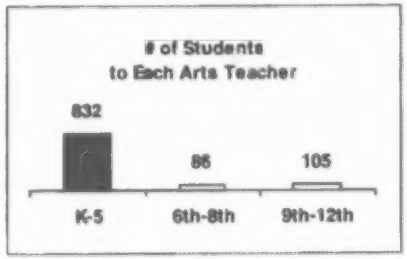

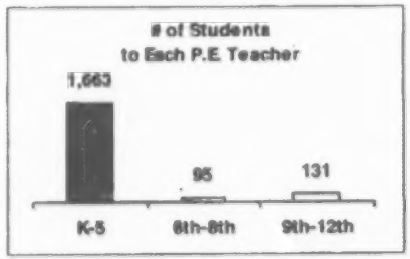

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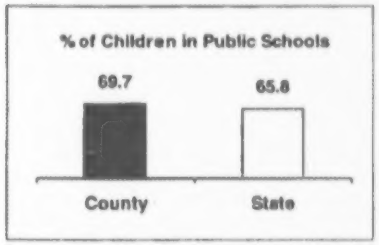
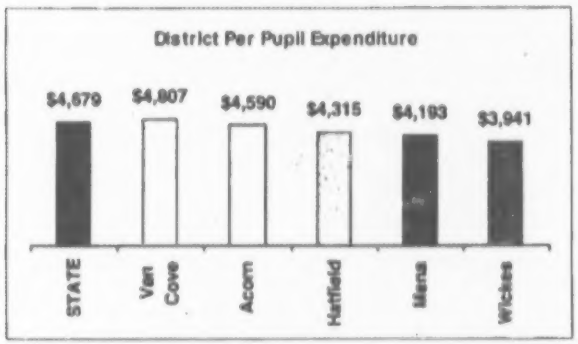
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,568**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,663**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **859**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,046**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Acorn	42%	45%	$4,590
Wickes	54%	26%	$3,941
Hatfield	46%	40%	$4,315
Van Cove	61%	24%	$4,807
Mena	66%	24%	$4,193

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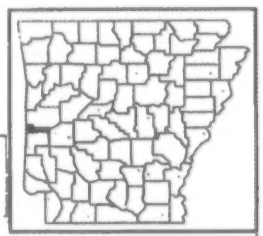
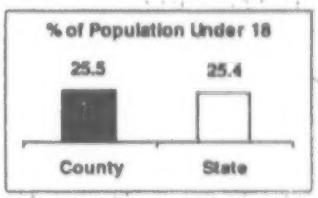


Pope County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **13,900**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.5**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **15**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **48**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **10 (3.2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **18 (14.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **20 (9.1)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **41**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **15 (4.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **13 (10.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **13 (5.9)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (3,426), Arts in Education (1,000)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (2)
National or state parks **Lake Dardanelle State Park, Bayou Bluff National Forest Recreational Area, Long Pool National Forest Recreational Area**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, marina, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **387**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **716**
Number of 4-H clubs **14**
Number of youth in 4-H **2,444**

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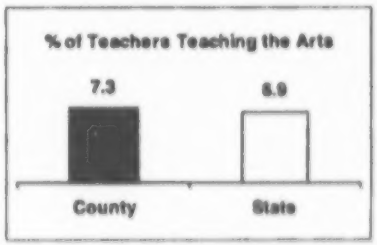

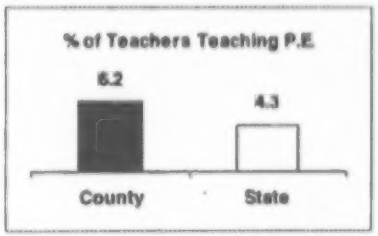

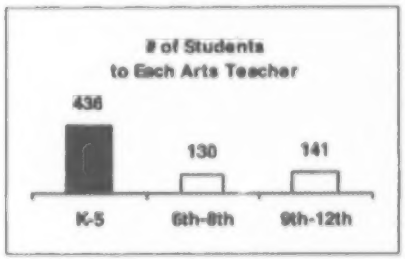

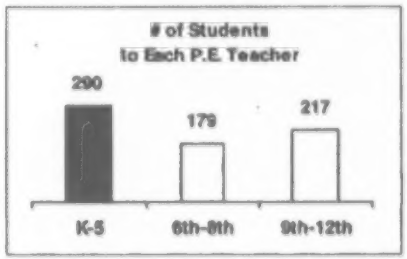

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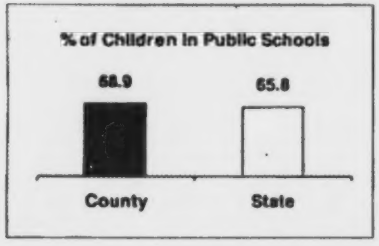
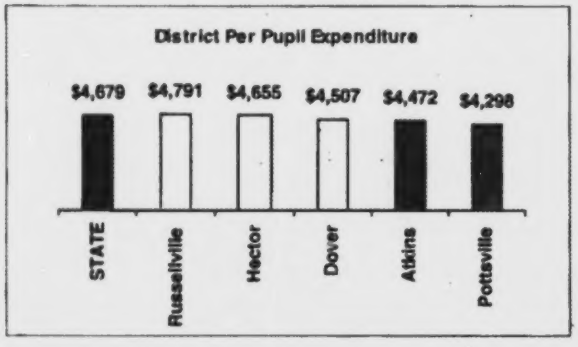
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **9,510**
Number of children in grades K-5 **4,355**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **2,331**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **2,824**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Russellville	68%	39%	$4,791
Pottsville	30%	32%	$4,298
Hector	50%	12%	$4,655
Atkins	50%	23%	$4,472
Dover	57%	25%	$4,507

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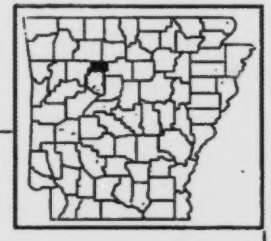
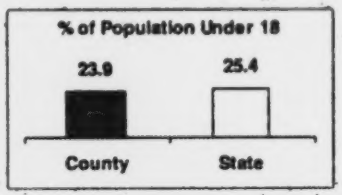


Prairie County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,284**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **23.9**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **4**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **13**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (4.2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **5 (11.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **6 (12.5)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **5**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (2.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (8.3)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (400)
National or state parks **Prairie County Museum**
Activities available in parks **museum**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **20**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **274**
Number of 4-H clubs **6**
Number of youth in 4-H **729**

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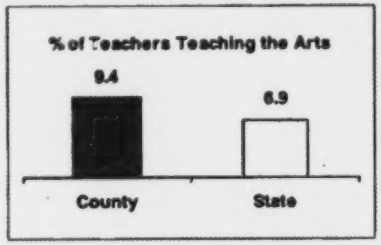
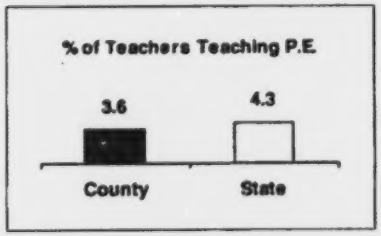
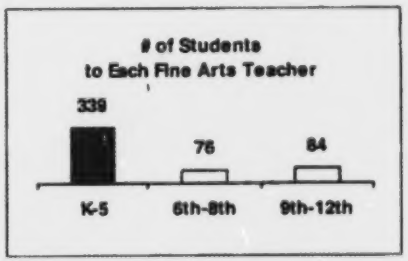
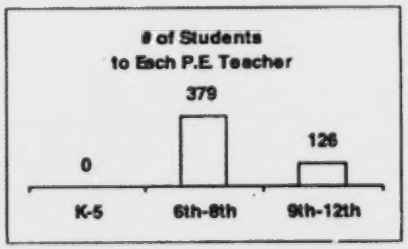




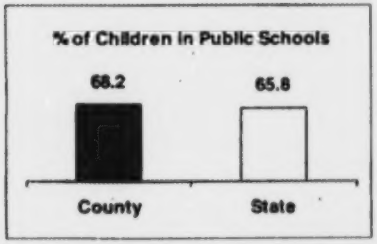


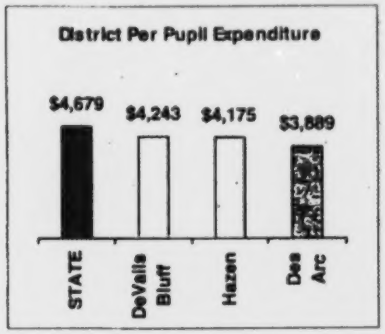


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 1,558
Number of children in grades K-5 677
Number of children in grades 6-8 379
Number of children in grades 9-12 502





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
DeValls Bluff	47%	33%	$4,243
Hazen	n/a	42%	$4,175
Des Arc	48%	46%	$3,889

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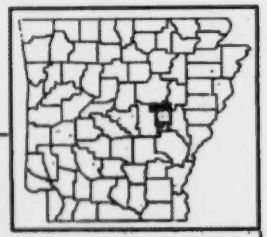
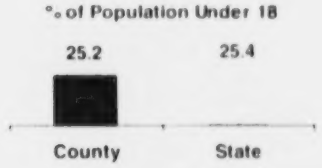


Pulaski County

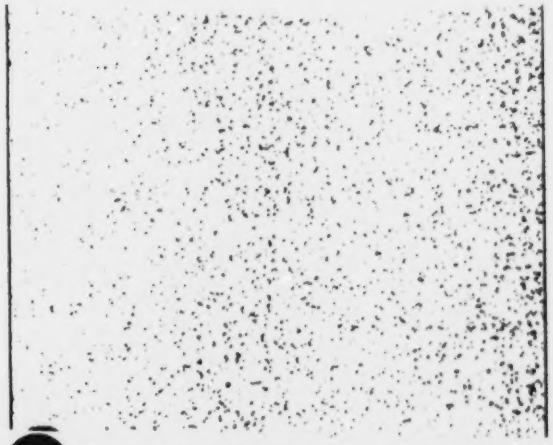
POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **91,210**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.2**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **152**



COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **196**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (0.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **78 (7.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **116 (9.1)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **101**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **49 (4.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **52 (4.1)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (230,112), Arts in Education (39,123), Arts in Parks (10)
Other progams (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (4)
National or state parks **Pinnacle Mountain State Park, Plantation Agriculture Museum Historic Memorial**
Activities available in parks **fishing, boat ramp, museum, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **4,757**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **8,881**
Number of 4-H clubs **34**
Number of youth in 4-H **4,593**

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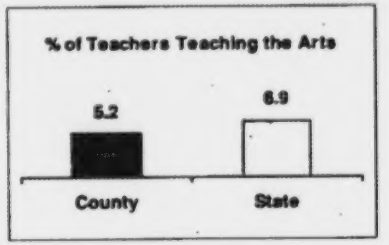
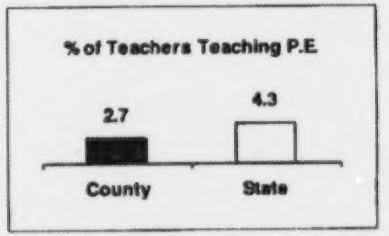
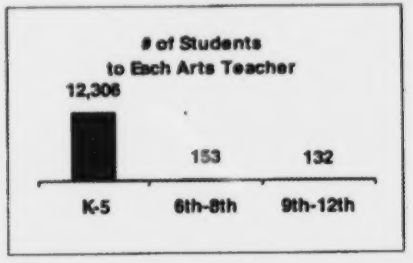
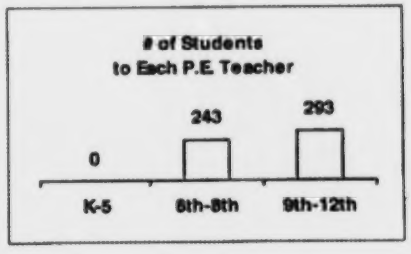




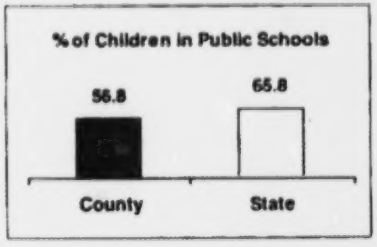


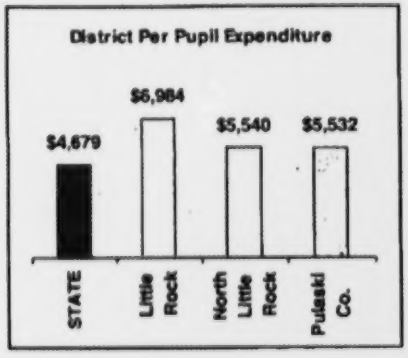


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **51,773**
Number of children in grades K-5 **24,612**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **11,902**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **15,259**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Little Rock	41%	15%	$6,984
North Little Rock	38%	22%	$5,540
Pulaksi Co.	40%	21%	$5,532

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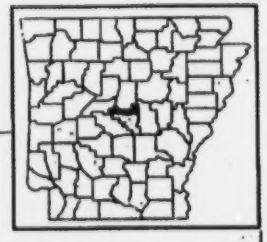
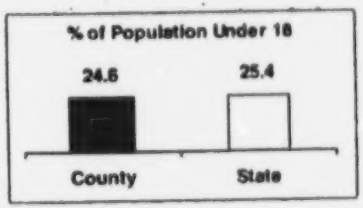


Randolph County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **4,479**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **24.6**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **6**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **24**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **3 (3.5)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **9 (12)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **12 (12.8)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **15**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (2.4)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (7.5)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (400)
National or state parks **Old Davidsonville**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **213**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **74**
Number of 4-H clubs **4**
Number of youth in 4-H **380**

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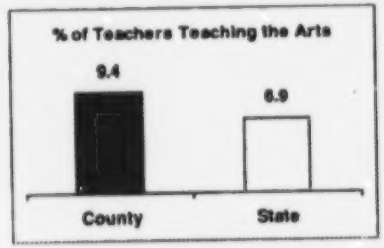
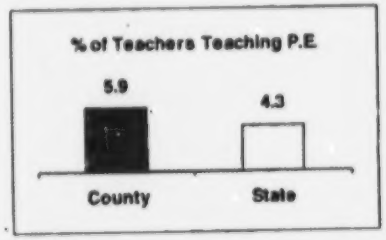
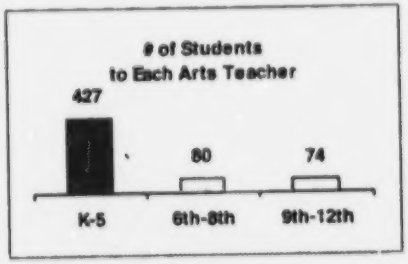
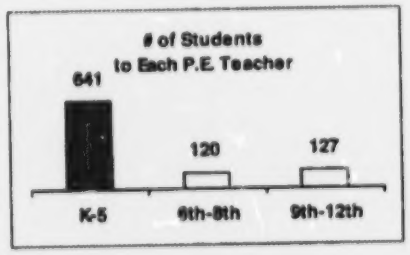




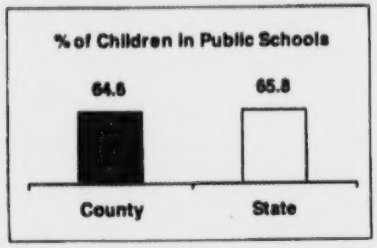


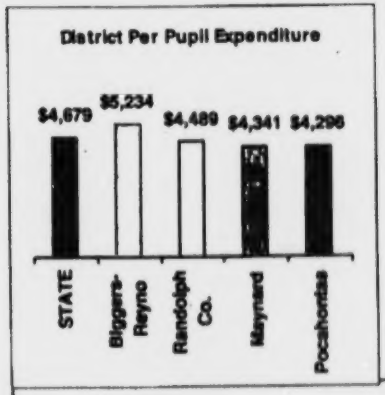


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 2,893
Number of children in grades K-5 1,282
Number of children in grades 6-8 719
Number of children in grades 9-12 892





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Pocahontas	45%	9%	$4,296
Biggers-Reyno	44%	55%	$5,234
Maynard	31%	10%	$4,341
Randolph Co.	57%	32%	$4,489

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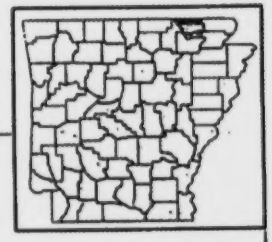

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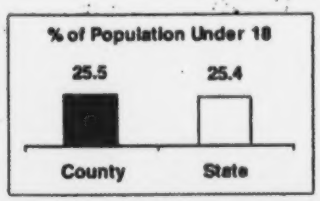
Saline County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **21,276**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.5**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **11**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **64**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **14 (3.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **25 (11)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **25 (8.5)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **53**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (1.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **21 (9.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **25 (8.5)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (2,859)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (1)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **465**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **1,457**
Number of 4-H clubs **18**
Number of youth in 4-H **8,630**

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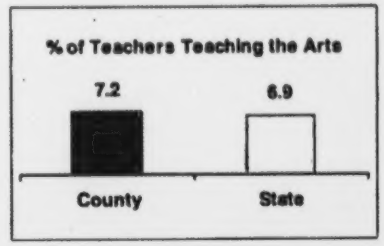

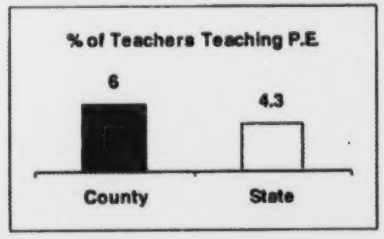

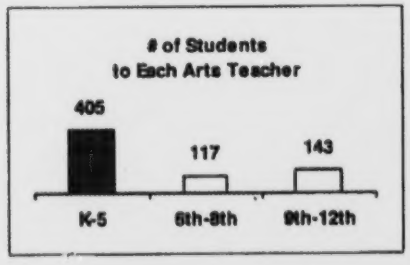

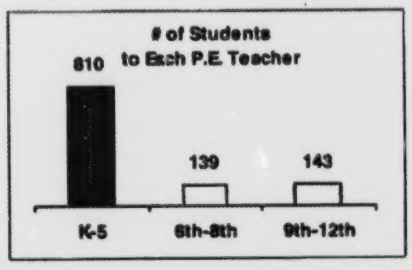

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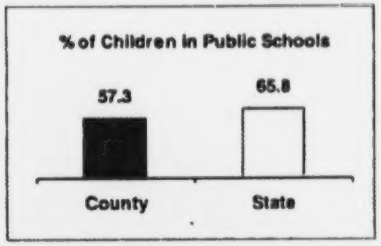
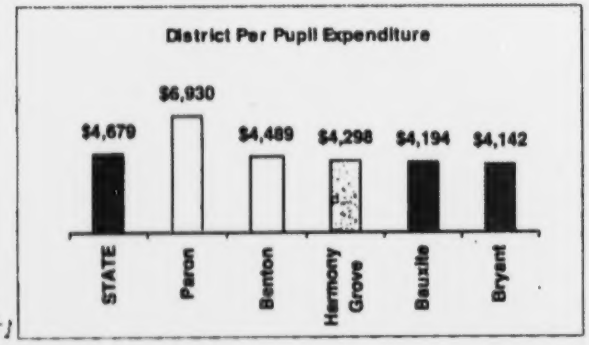
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **12,171**
Number of children in grades K-5 **5,667**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **2,919**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **3,585**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

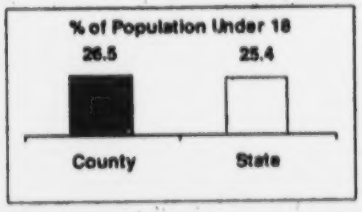
DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Harmony Grove	50%	28%	$4,298
Paron	65%	7%	$6,930
Bryant	50%	23%	$4,142
Benton	54%	28%	$4,489
Bauxite	47%	17%	$4,194

*Based on scores of the general student population (excluding ESL, special education and new students) from the Reading and Writing Literacy Section of the 1999-2000 Arkansas Benchmark Exam.

Scott County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,919**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **26.5**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **2**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **10**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **5 (8.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **1 (3.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **4 (9.8)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **3**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (3.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (3.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **0**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **0**
National or state parks **Knopper Ford Forest Recreational Area, Mill Creek Forest Recreational Area, Little Pine National Forest Recreational Area**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girls Scouts[1] **83**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **68**
Number of 4-H clubs **32**
Number of youth in 4-H **286**

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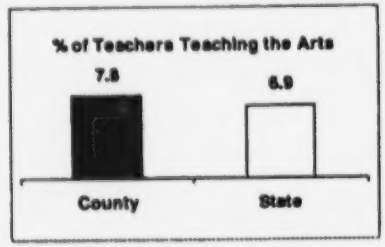
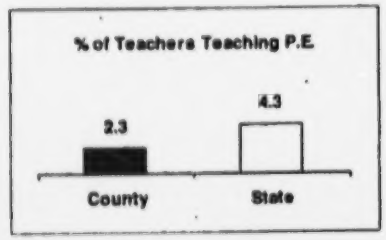
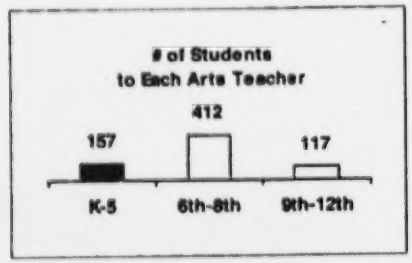
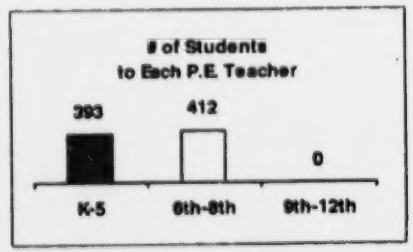




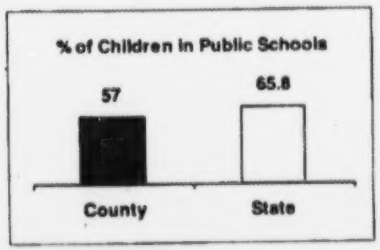


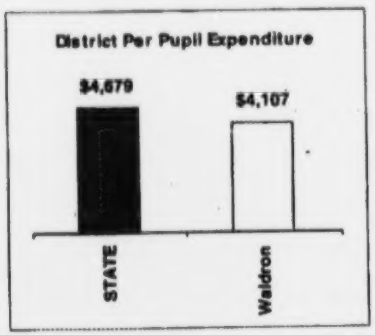


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **1,665**
Number of children in grades K-5 **785**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **412**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **468**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Waldron	43%	34%	$4,107

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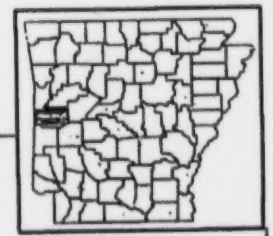
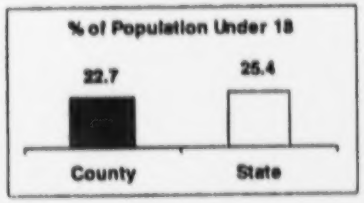


Searcy County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **1,873**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **22.7**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **2**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **12**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **1 (2.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **5 (12.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **6 (12)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **8**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (2.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (10.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (6)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (780)**
National or state parks **Buffalo National River, Richland Creek**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **60**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **49**
Number of 4-H clubs **11**
Number of youth in 4-H **595**

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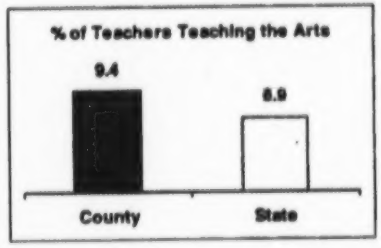
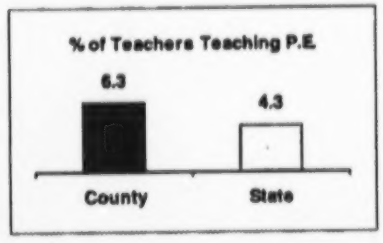
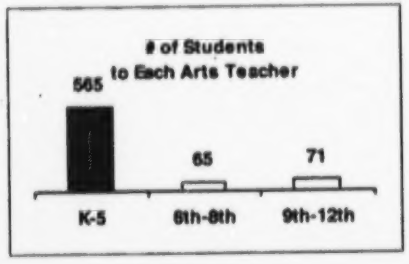
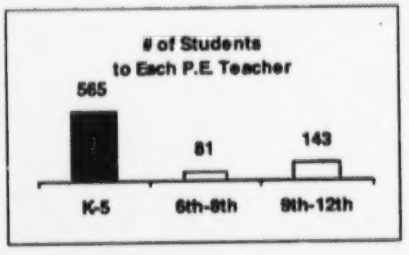




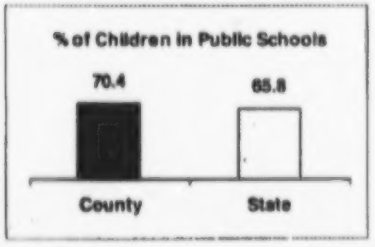


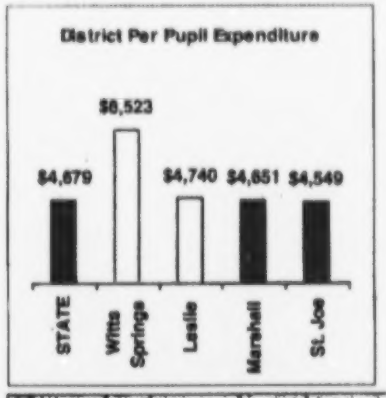


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **1,316**
Number of children in grades K-5 **565**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **323**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **428**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Marshall	46%	29%	$4,651
St. Joe	56%	42%	$4,549
Leslie	42%	33%	$4,740
Witts Springs	33%	20%	$8,523

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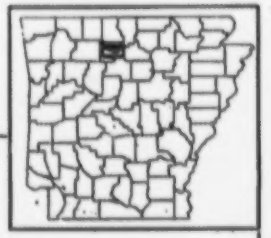
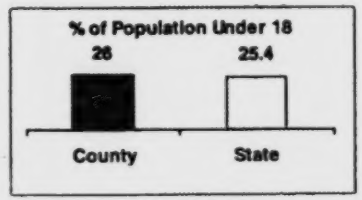


Sebastian County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **29,937**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **26**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **31**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **91**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **13 (2.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **33 (9.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **45 (9.1)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **92**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (2)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **31 (8.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **52 (10.6)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (4,022), Arts in Parks (500)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (1)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **749**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **2,903**
Number of 4-H clubs **11**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,234**

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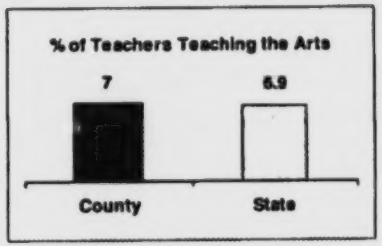

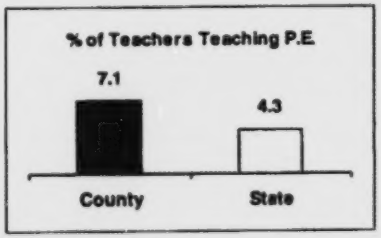

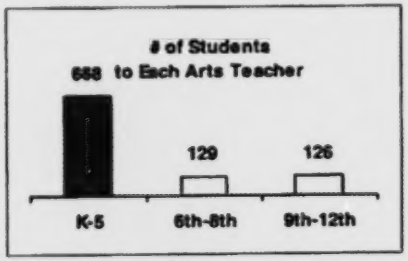

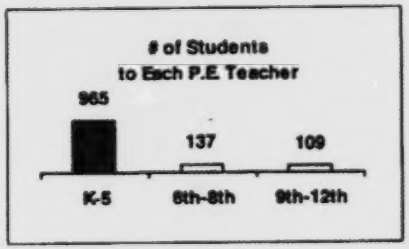

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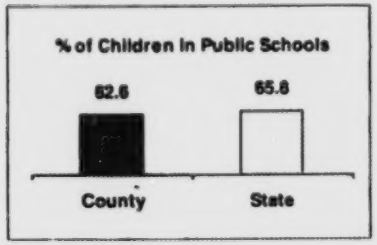
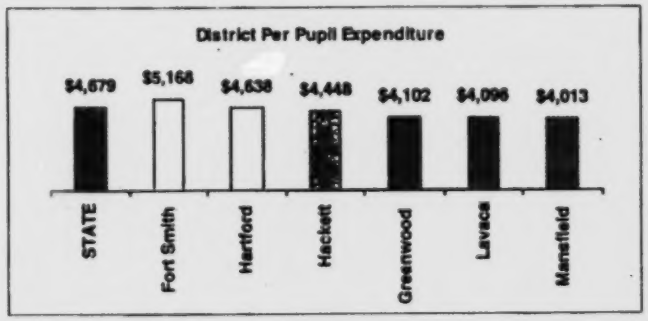
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **18,595**
Number of children in grades K-5 **8,681**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **4,242**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **5,672**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Hartford	38%	18%	$4,638
Greenwood	61%	24%	$4,102
Hackett	21%	42%	$4,448
Lavaca	56%	31%	$4,096
Fort Smith	51%	19%	$5,168
Mansfield	49%	18%	$4,013

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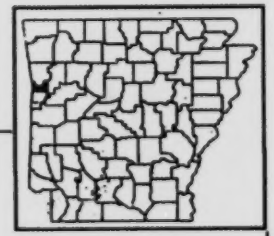
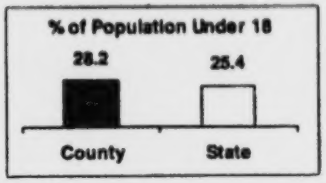


Sevier County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **4,446**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **28.2**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **14**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **16**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (1.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **5 (7.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **9 (10.8)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **9**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (1.9)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (6.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (3.6)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (1,934)
Other progams (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (2)
National or state parks **DeQueen Lake, Delrks Lake**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **71**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **64**
Number of 4-H clubs **7**
Number of youth in 4-H **682**

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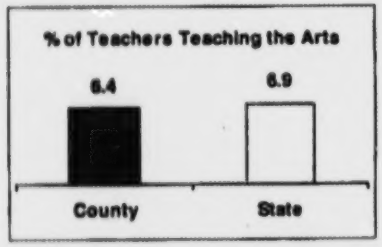

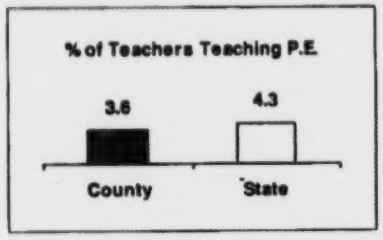

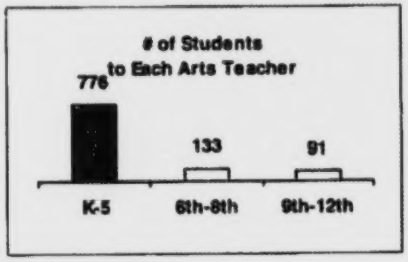

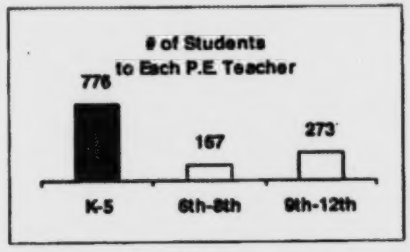

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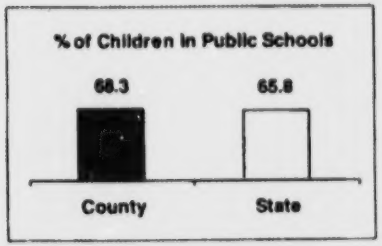
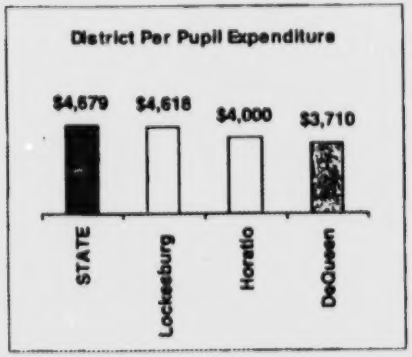
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 3,038
Number of children in grades K-5 1,552
Number of children in grades 6-8 667
Number of children in grades 9-12 819





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
DeQueen	54%	37%	$3,710
Lockesburg	31%	4%	$4,618
Horatio	58%	18%	$4,000

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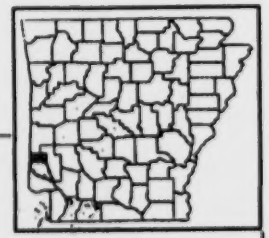
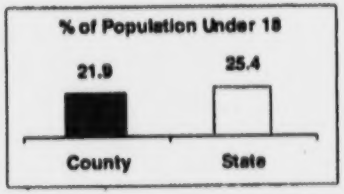


Sharp County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **3,747**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **21.9**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **4**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **24**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **4 (4.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **10 (13.9)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **10 (11.5)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **15**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (4.1)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (9.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (4.6)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (1,356), Arts in Parks (6)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **184**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **52**
Number of 4-H clubs **5**
Number of youth in 4-H **470**

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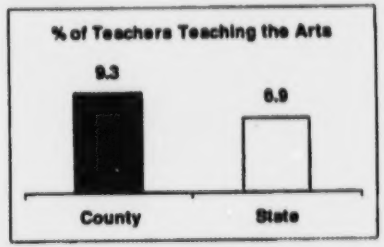

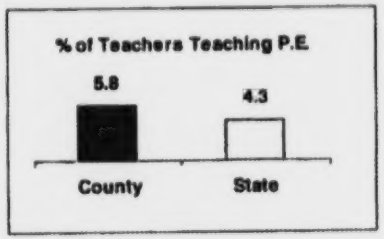

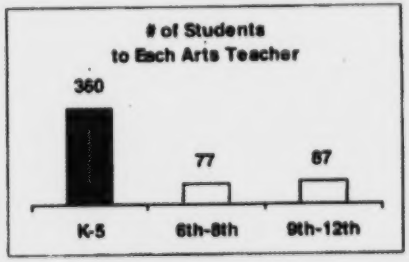

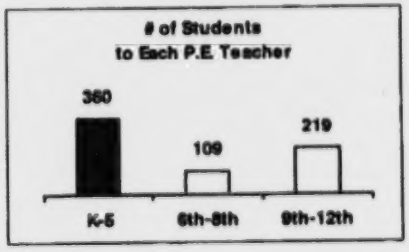

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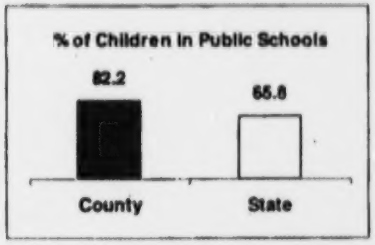
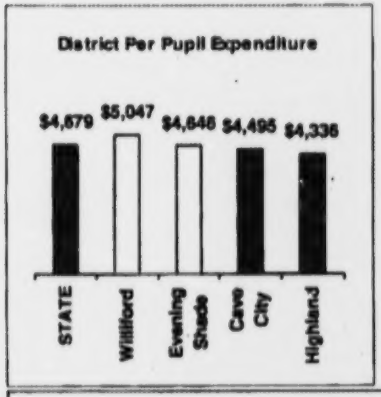
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **3,079**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,439**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **766**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **874**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Williford	67%	5%	$5,047
Highland	44%	41%	$4,336
Cave City	71%	24%	$4,495
Evening Shade	42%	53%	$4,646

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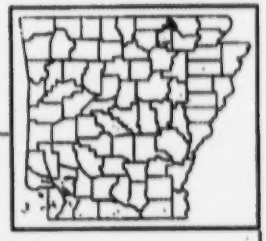
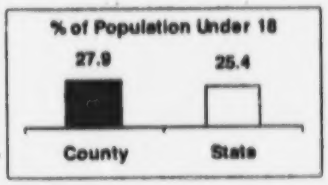


St. Francis County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **8,193**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **27.9**



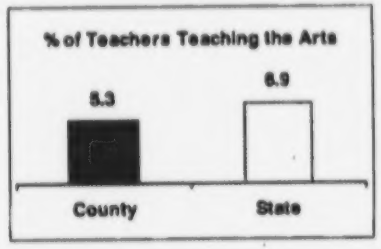
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **6**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

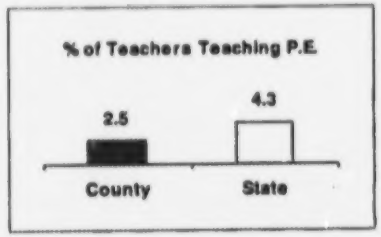
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **23**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **3 (1.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **9 (8.5)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **11 (8.2)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **11**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **0**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **4 (3.8)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (5.2)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (520)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **532**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **155**
Number of 4-H clubs **7**
Number of youth in 4-H **273**

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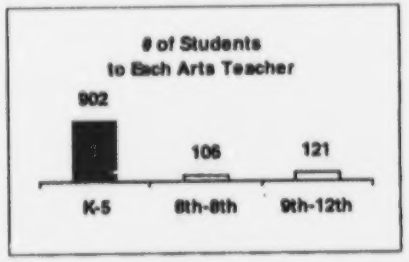

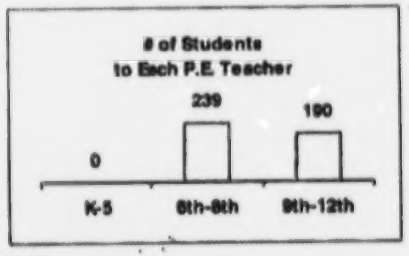

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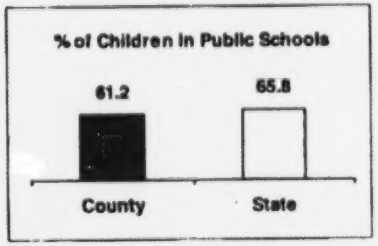
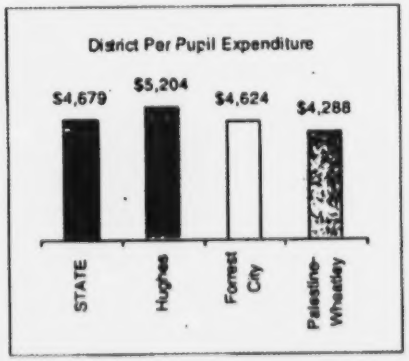
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **4,994**
Number of children in grades K-5 **2,707**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **957**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,330**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Forrest City	30%	7%	$4,624
Palestine-Wheatley	32%	5%	$4,288
Hughes	30%	7%	$5,204

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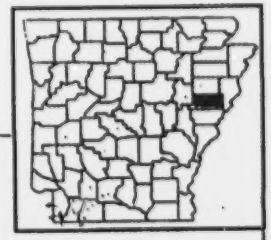
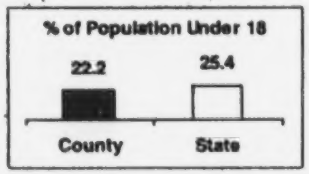


Stone County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **2,557**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **22.2**



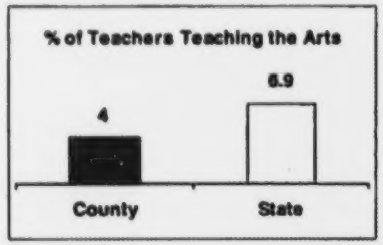
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **6**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

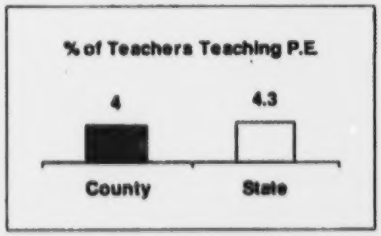
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **6**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (3.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **3 (7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **1 (2.1)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **6**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **2 (3.3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **1 (2.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (6.4)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **0**
Other progams (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (1)
National or state parks **Blanchard Springs National Forest Recreational Area, Ozark Folk Center**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **65**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **99**
Number of 4-H clubs **6**
Number of youth in 4-H **428**

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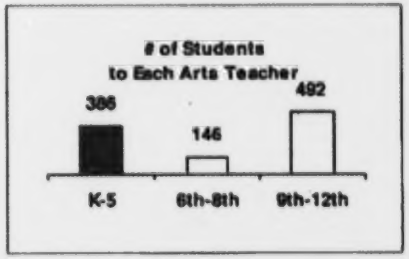

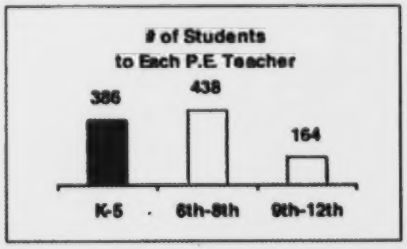

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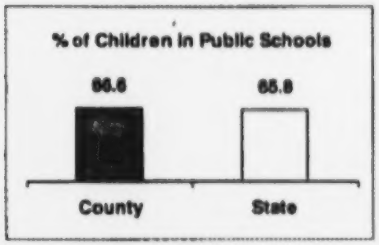
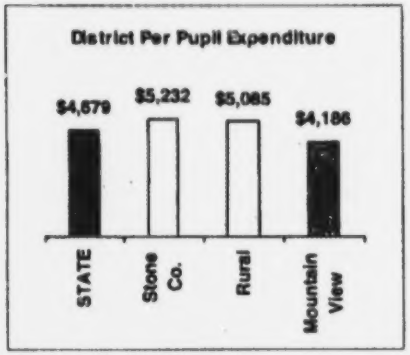
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **1,702**
Number of children in grades K-5 **772**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **438**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **492**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Rural	50%	25%	$5,085
Stone Co.	42%	8%	$5,232
Mountain View	40%	23%	$4,186

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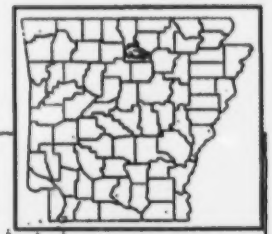
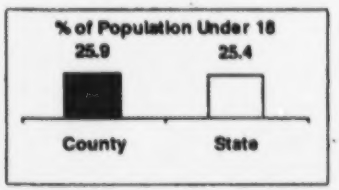


Union County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **11,832**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.9**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **7**

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COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **59**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **9 (3.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **24 (11.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **26 (11.4)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **46**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (3.8)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **18 (8.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **19 (8.3)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (1,017), Arts in Education (1,125)**
National or state parks **Arkansas Museum Historic Memorial, South Arkansas Arboretum Historic Memorial**
Activites available in parks **museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **64**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **n/a**
Number of 4-H clubs **14**
Number of youth in 4-H **2,293**

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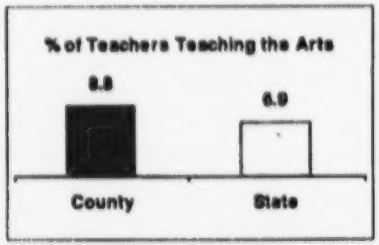

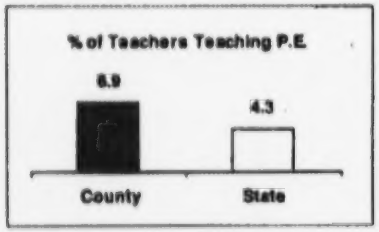

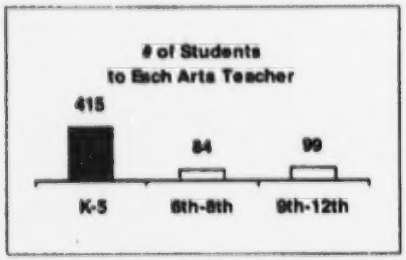

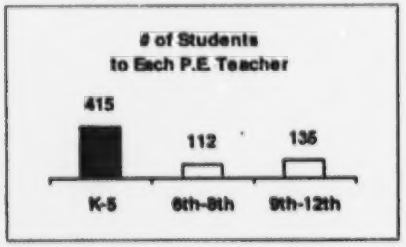

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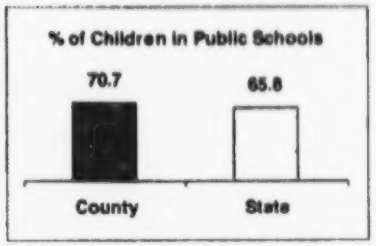
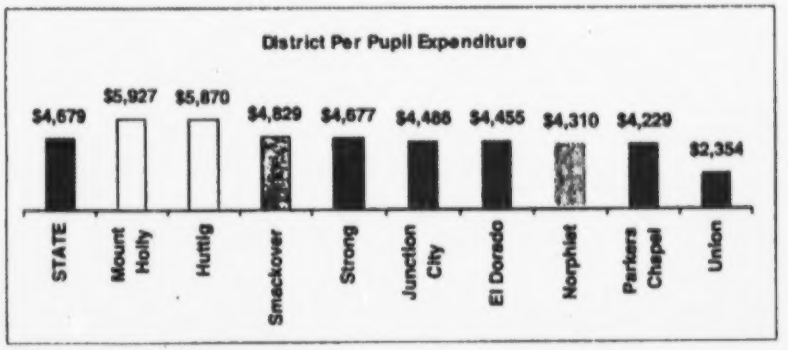
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 8,324
Number of children in grades K-5 3,732
Number of children in grades 6-8 2,020
Number of children in grades 9-12 2,572





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
El Dorado	46%	22%	$4,455
Mount Holly	38%	6%	$5,927
Parkers Chapel	40%	19%	$4,229
Norphlet	46%	21%	$4,310
Smackover	63%	21%	$4,829
Strong	54%	17%	$4,677
Union	65%	38%	$2,354
Huttig	20%	20%	$5,870
Junction City	40%	27%	$4,488

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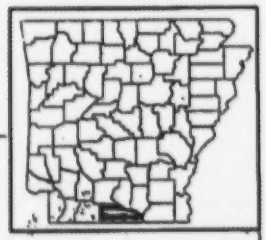
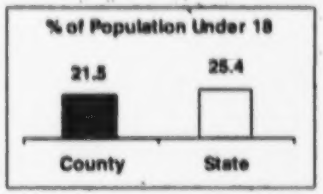


Van Buren County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **3,487**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **21.5**



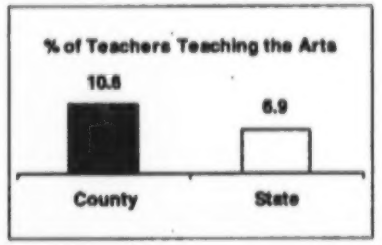
TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **6**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

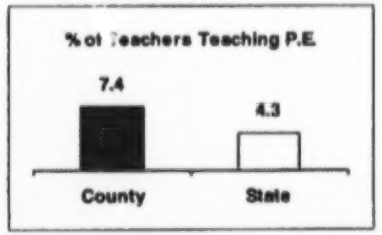
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **23**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (3)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **9 (13.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **12 (14.8)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **16**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (4.5)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **7 (10.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **6 (7.4)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (3,822)
National or state parks **Brock Creek National Forest Recreational Area**
Activities available in park **camping, fishing, picnic**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **67**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **26**
Number of 4-H clubs **6**
Number of youth in 4-H **218**

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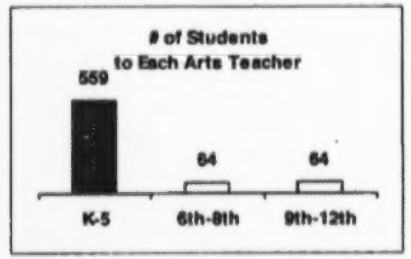

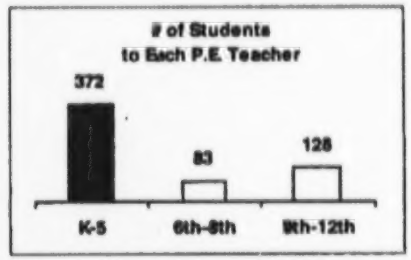

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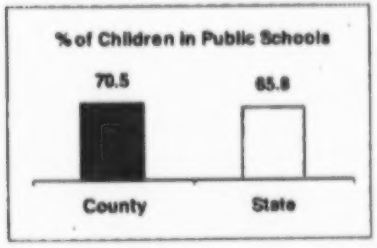
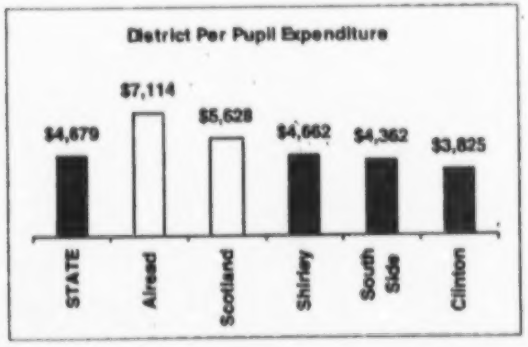
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools 2,460
Number of children in grades K-5 1,117
Number of children in grades 6-8 578
Number of children in grades 9-12 765





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	47%	24%	$4,679
Clinton	52%	24%	$3,825
Alread	67%	29%	$7,114
Scotland	18%	25%	$5,628
South Side	44%	16%	$4,362
Shirley	62%	23%	$4,662

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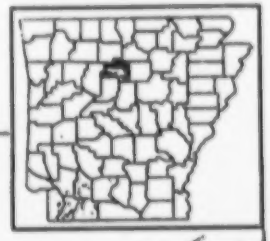
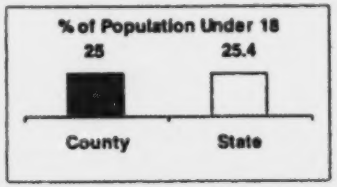


Washington County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **39,492**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **45**

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **140**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **19 (2.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **67 (14.3)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **54 (8.6)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **85**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **10 (1.4)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **33 (7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **42 (6.7)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (9,397), Arts in Education (10,362)
Other programs (# of schools participating)
Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs (2)
National or state parks **Devil's Den State Park, Prairie Grove State Park, Lake Wedington National Forest Recreational Area**
Activites available in parks **camping, fishing, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **1,369**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **2,393**
Number of 4-H clubs **23**
Number of youth in 4-H **5,492**

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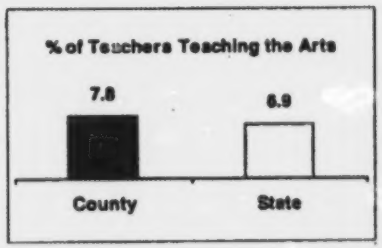
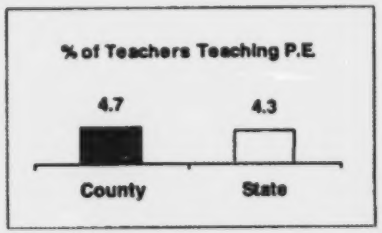
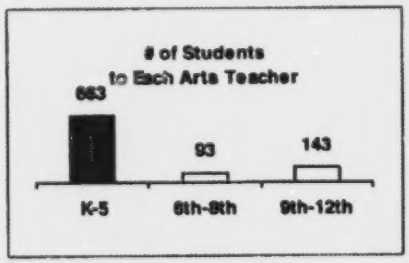
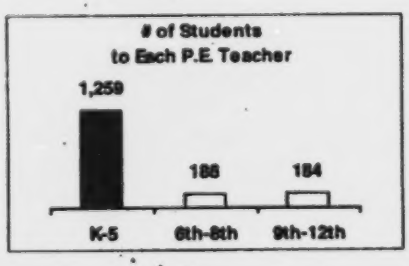




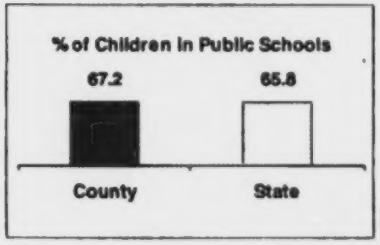


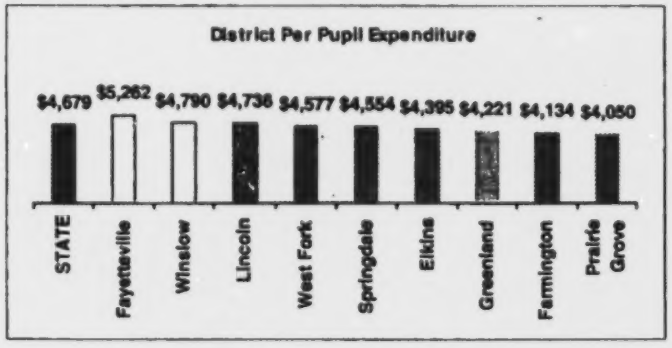


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **26,539**
Number of children in grades K-5 **12,592**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **6,200**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **7,747**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Springdale	56%	21%	$4,554
Fayetteville	62%	53%	$5,262
Lincoln	38%	34%	$4,736
Farmington	61%	19%	$4,134
Elkins	77%	24%	$4,395
Winslow	35%	22%	$4,790
Prairie Grove	59%	11%	$4,050
West Fork	51%	27%	$4,577
Greenland	30%	12%	$4,221

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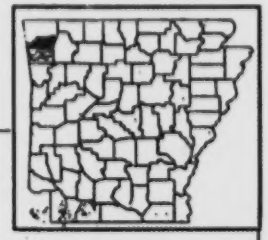
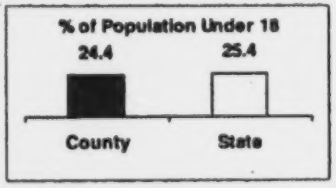


White County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **16,376**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **24.4**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **33**

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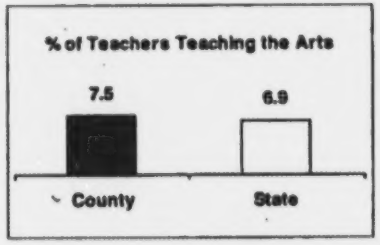
COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

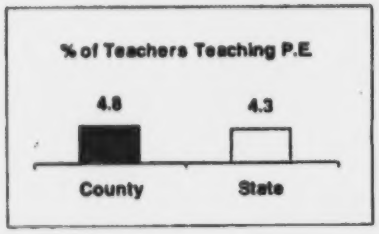
Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **66**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **16 (4.4)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **24 (10.7)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **26 (9.1)**



Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **42**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **9 (2.5)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **16 (7.1)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **17 (5.9)**



Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (2,100)
National or state parks **0**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **444**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **561**
Number of 4-H clubs **57**
Number of youth in 4-H **1,187**

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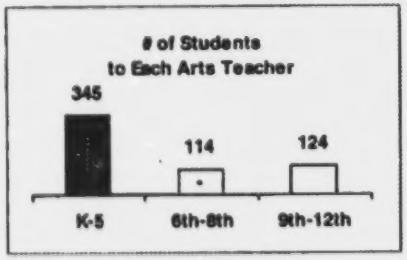

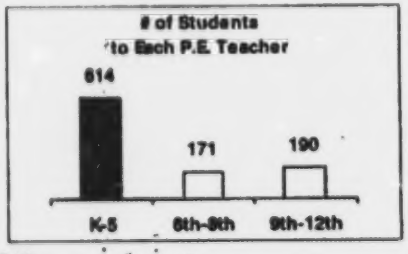

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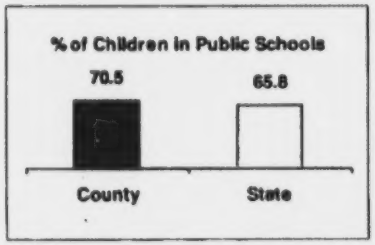
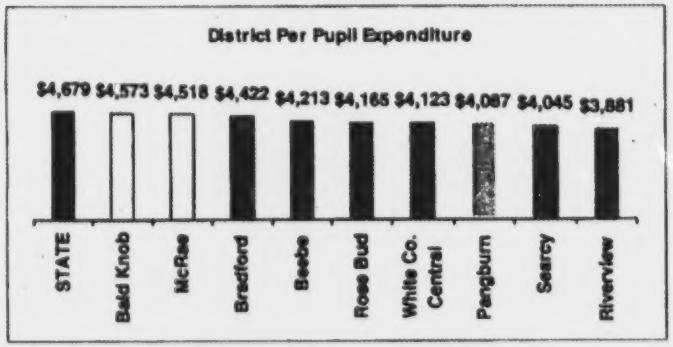
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **11,479**
Number of children in grades K-5 **5,524**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **2,730**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **3,225**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Bald Knob	47%	20%	$4,573
Pangburn	64%	30%	$4,087
Bradford	38%	31%	$4,422
Beebe	39%	26%	$4,213
Rose Bud	44%	26%	$4,165
Riverview	62%	24%	$3,881
McRae	48%	13%	$4,518
Searcy	63%	39%	$4,045
White Co. Central	52%	27%	$4,123

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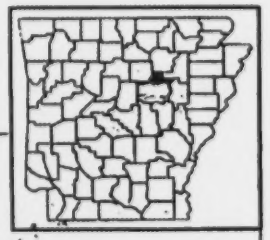
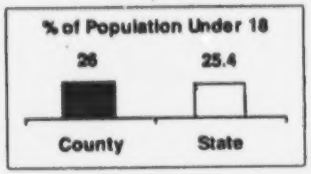


Woodruff County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 2,274
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 26



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries 8

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts 11
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts 0
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts 6 (12.8)
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts 5 (9.4)

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. 5
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. 0
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. 2 (4.3)
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. 3 (5.6)

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999
Arts on Tour (803)
National or state parks 0
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] 120
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] 30
Number of 4-H clubs 2
Number of youth in 4-H 903

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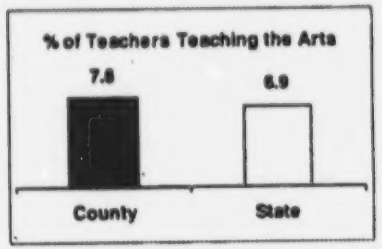
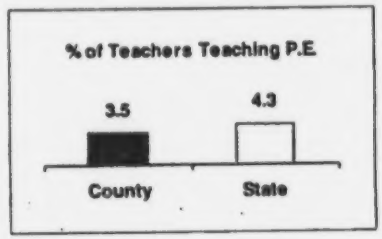
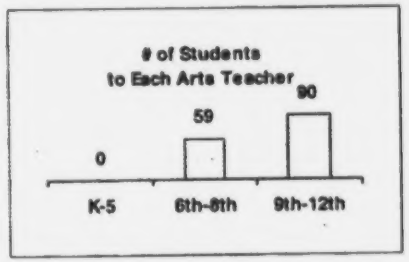
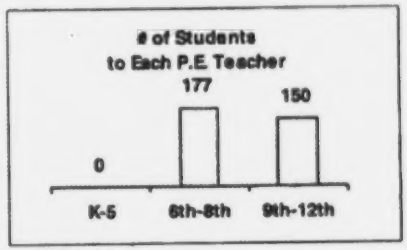




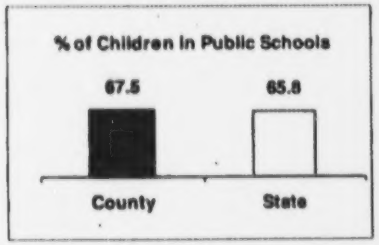


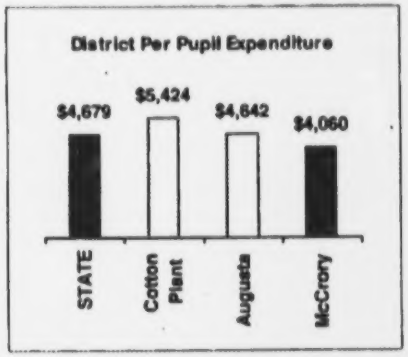


RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **1,526**
Number of children in grades K-5 **722**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **354**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **450**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	8th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
McCrory	40%	14%	$4,060
Cotton Plant	22%	n/a	$5,424
Augusta	16%	7%	$4,642

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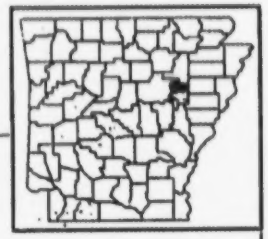
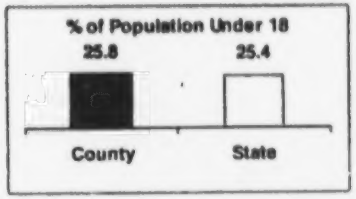


Yell County

POPULATION

Population under 18 in 2000 **5,451**
Percent of population under 18 in 2000 **25.8**



TECHNOLOGY

Number of public-access computers in libraries **18**

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COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

Arts Education

Number of teachers teaching music, drama and fine arts **30**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching the arts **2 (1.7)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching the arts **14 (12.2)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching the arts **14 (9.9)**

Physical Education

Number of teachers teaching P.E. **25**
Number (%) of all K-5 teachers teaching P.E. **3 (2.6)**
Number (%) of all 6-8 teachers teaching P.E. **11 (9.6)**
Number (%) of all 9-12 teachers teaching P.E. **11 (7.8)**

Extra Curricular Activities

Art programs available (# of students participating) in 1999 **Arts on Tour (283)**
National or state parks **Mount Nebo State Park, Fourche Mountain National Recreational Area, Spring Lake National Recreational Area, Nimrod Lake**
Activities available in parks **camping, fishing, boat ramp, museum, nature trail, picnic, swimming, tennis**
Number of children in Girl Scouts[1] **175**
Number of children in Cub and Boy Scouts[1] **310**
Number of 4-H clubs **7**
Number of youth in 4-H **3,554**

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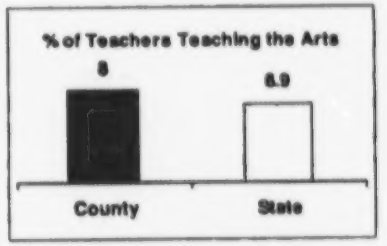

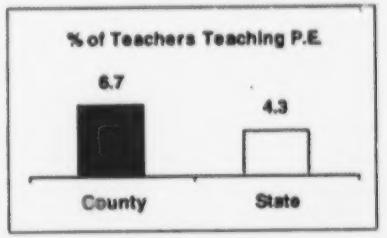

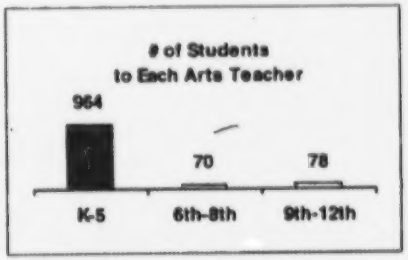

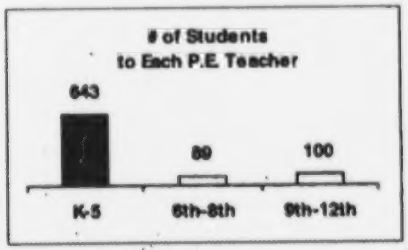

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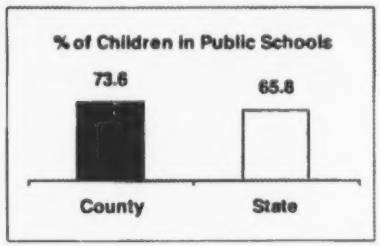
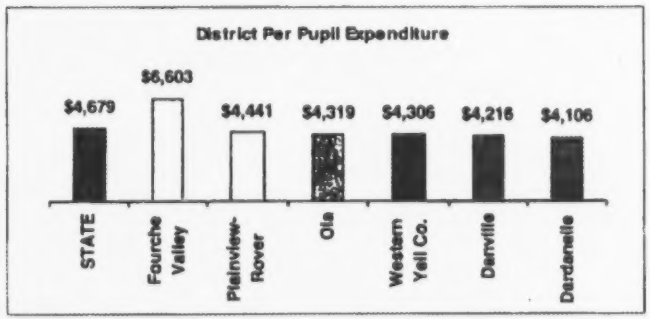
RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Enrollment and Per Pupil Expenditures

Number of children in the public schools **4,008**
Number of children in grades K-5 **1,928**
Number of children in grades 6-8 **983**
Number of children in grades 9-12 **1,097**





OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Children Scoring at Grade Reading Level*

DISTRICT	4th Grade Level	8th Grade Level	Per Pupil Expenditure
STATE	**47%**	**24%**	**$4,679**
Plainview-Rover	27%	50%	$4,441
Ola	59%	24%	$4,319
Western Yell Co.	41%	38%	$4,306
Danville	44%	17%	$4,216
Fourche Valley	63%	8%	$6,603
Dardanelle	42%	19%	$4,106

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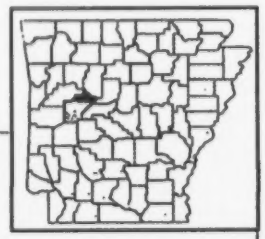

"Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best." -Henry Van Dyke

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POPULATION

County	Total under 18	Total population	Percent under 18*
Arkansas	5150	20749	24.8
Ashley	6491	24209	26.8
Baxter	7281	38386	19
Benton	40821	153406	26.6
Boone	8123	33948	23.9
Bradley	2968	12600	23.6
Calhoun	1415	5744	24.6
Carroll	6080	25357	24
Chicot	3876	14117	27.5
Clark	5104	23546	21.7
Clay	4068	17609	23.1
Cleburne	5122	24046	21.3
Cleveland	2242	8571	26.2
Columbia	6420	25603	25.1
Conway	5169	20336	25.4
Craighead	19809	82148	24.1
Crawford	15032	53247	28.2
Crittenden	15834	50866	31.1
Cross	5435	19526	27.8
Dallas	2410	9210	26.2
Desha	4428	15341	28.9
Drew	4832	18723	25.8
Faulkner	22006	86014	25.6
Franklin	4591	17771	25.8
Fulton	2650	11642	22.8
Garland	18759	88068	21.3
Grant	4268	16464	25.9
Greene	9411	37331	25.2
Hempstead	6446	23587	27.3
Hot Spring	7608	30353	25.1
Howard	3840	14300	26.9
Independence	8396	34233	24.5
Izard	2768	13249	20.9
Jackson	4081	18418	22.2
Jefferson	22161	84278	26.3
Johnson	5733	22781	25.2
Lafayette	2174	8559	25.4
Lawrence	4258	17774	24
Lee	3277	12580	26
Lincoln	3215	14492	22.2
Little River	3430	13628	25.2
Logan	5824	22486	25.9
Lonoke	15188	52828	28.7
Madison	3817	14243	26.8
Marion	3571	16140	22.1
Miller	10734	40443	26.5
Mississippi	15407	51979	29.6
Monroe	2862	10254	27.9
Montgomery	2174	9245	23.5
Nevada	2509	9955	25.2
Newton	2142	8608	24.9
Ouachita	7453	28790	25.9
Perry	2586	10209	25.3
Phillips	8513	26445	32.2
Pike	2816	11303	24.9
Poinsett	6684	25614	26.1
Polk	5174	20229	25.6
Pope	13900	54469	25.5
Prairie	2284	9539	23.9
Pulaski	91210	361474	25.2
Randolph	4479	18195	24.6
Saline	21276	83529	25.5
Scott	2919	10996	26.5
Searcy	1873	8261	22.7
Sebastian	29937	115071	26
Sevier	4446	15757	28.2
Sharp	3747	17119	21.9
St. Francis	8193	29329	27.9
Stone	2557	11499	22.2
Union	11832	45629	25.9
Van Buren	3487	16192	21.5
Washington	39492	157715	25
White	16376	67165	24.4
Woodruff	2274	8741	26
Yell	5,451	21139	25.8
STATE	680369	2673400	25.4

*Refer to the "Definitions of Indicators" section for an explanation of how these data were derived.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

County	K-5th students	6th-8th students	9th-12th students	Total enrolled	Percent enrolled*
Arkansas	1595	945	1108	3648	70.8
Ashley	2111	1024	1245	4380	67.5
Baxter	2167	1194	1618	4979	68.4
Benton	12035	5872	7202	25109	61.5
Boone	2792	1348	1798	5938	73.1
Bradley	977	518	667	2162	72.8
Calhoun	372	188	257	817	57.7
Carroll	1633	822	1107	3562	58.6
Chicot	1165	630	790	2585	66.7
Clark	1417	758	989	3164	62
Clay	1333	620	787	2740	67.4
Cleburne	1552	864	1053	3469	67.7
Cleveland	721	345	465	1531	68.3
Columbia	2013	1050	1424	4487	69.9
Conway	1517	843	1011	3371	65.2
Craighead	6561	3157	3869	13587	68.6
Crawford	4846	2540	2943	10329	68.7
Crittenden	5242	2566	2815	10623	67.1
Cross	1844	970	1196	4010	73.8
Dallas	719	429	516	1664	69
Desha	1522	812	1007	3341	75.5
Drew	1471	767	945	3183	65.9
Faulkner	6685	3435	4227	14347	65.2
Franklin	1641	853	1107	3601	78.4
Fulton	737	398	508	1643	62
Garland	5772	3084	3811	12667	67.5
Grant	2188	1118	1377	4683	109.7
Greene	3132	1519	1823	6474	68.8
Hempstead	1933	865	1179	3977	61.7
Hot Spring	2470	1297	1629	5396	70.9
Howard	1388	761	913	3062	79.7
Independence	2477	1384	1711	5572	66.4
Izard	897	480	585	1962	70.9
Jackson	1222	634	798	2654	65
Jefferson	6907	3634	4300	14841	67
Johnson	1933	919	1158	4010	69.9
Lafayette	742	342	465	1549	71.3
Lawrence	1485	760	995	3240	76.1
Lee	836	469	559	1864	56.9
Lincoln	998	475	611	2084	64.8
Little River	969	524	602	2095	61.1
Logan	1657	833	1055	3545	60.9
Lonoke	4896	2670	3094	10660	70.2
Madison	1187	625	837	2649	69.4
Marion	988	587	732	2307	64.6
Miller	3106	1551	1890	6547	61
Mississippi	4669	2242	2777	9688	62.9
Monroe	915	434	578	1927	67.3
Montgomery	609	329	442	1380	63.5
Nevada	871	430	627	1928	76.8
Newton	552	344	449	1345	62.8
Ouachita	2376	1318	1679	5373	72.1
Perry	869	432	543	1844	71.3
Phillips	2790	1376	1554	5720	67.2
Pike	1070	578	651	2299	81.6
Poinsett	2237	1110	1386	4733	70.8
Polk	1663	859	1046	3568	69
Pope	4355	2331	2824	9510	68.4
Prairie	677	379	502	1558	68.2
Pulaski	24612	11902	15259	51773	56.8
Randolph	1282	719	892	2893	64.6
Saline	5667	2919	3585	12171	57.2
Scott	785	412	468	1665	57
Searcy	565	323	428	1316	70.3
Sebastian	8681	4242	5672	18595	62.1
Sevier	1552	667	819	3038	68.3
Sharp	1439	766	874	3079	82.2
St. Francis	2707	957	1330	4994	61
Stone	772	438	492	1702	66.6
Union	3732	2020	2572	8324	70.4
Van Buren	1117	578	765	2460	70.5
Washington	12592	6200	7747	26539	67.2
White	5524	2730	3225	11479	70.1
Woodruff	722	354	450	1526	67.1
Yell	1928	983	1097	4008	73.5
STATE	209181	105851	131511	446543	65.6

TEACHERS

County	ALL SUBJECTS K-5th	6th-8th	9th-12th
Arkansas	126	88	111
Ashley	135	94	130
Baxter	142	97	128
Benton	743	419	521
Boone	186	124	162
Bradley	67	50	90
Calhoun	26	23	26
Carroll	107	86	98
Chicot	89	75	91
Clark	107	59	90
Clay	82	59	86
Cleburne	109	94	109
Cleveland	40	38	69
Columbia	129	105	133
Conway	110	79	100
Craighead	455	269	376
Crawford	352	199	247
Crittenden	315	204	245
Cross	139	83	105
Dallas	62	47	58
Desha	113	96	100
Drew	98	70	103
Faulkner	470	278	352
Franklin	101	91	101
Fulton	47	46	49
Garland	344	224	294
Grant	118	77	105
Greene	207	128	162
Hempstead	123	74	115
Hot Spring	168	112	147
Howard	89	70	95
Independence	203	138	181
Izard	64	69	75
Jackson	88	64	83
Jefferson	463	249	342
Johnson	128	95	136
Lafayette	49	40	49
Lawrence	96	89	119

County	ALL SUBJECTS K-5th	6th-8th	9th-12th
Lee	41	27	42
Lincoln	66	34	66
Little River	75	50	70
Logan	113	85	100
Lonoke	309	177	241
Madison	70	59	67
Marion	62	61	69
Miller	242	130	185
Mississippi	326	216	272
Monroe	54	47	64
Montgomery	37	41	45
Nevada	62	41	62
Newton	35	37	48
Ouachita	193	114	156
Perry	50	49	69
Phillips	154	118	141
Pike	67	72	72
Poinsett	166	99	139
Polk	111	98	109
Pope	312	127	220
Prairie	48	43	48
Pulaski	1452	1030	1279
Randolph	85	75	94
Saline	360	228	295
Scott	60	27	41
Searcy	39	39	50
Sebastia	454	347	493
Sevier	103	64	83
Sharp	98	72	87
St. Francis	191	106	135
Stone	60	43	47
Union	235	207	229
Van Buren	67	68	81
Washington	707	470	628
White	367	225	286
Woodruff	44	47	53
Yell	117	115	142
STATE	3522	9190	11891

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

	K-5th PE teachers	6th-8th PE teachers	9th-12th PE teachers	K-5th Arts teachers	6th-8th Arts teachers	9th-12th Arts teachers	RATIO OF STUDENTS TO TEACHERS* K-5th PE	6th-8th PE	9TH-12th PE	K-5th Arts	6th-8th Arts	9th-12th Arts
Arkansas	0	10	12	2	10	9	0	95	92	798	95	123
Ashley	2	8	7	4	9	12	1056	128	178	528	114	104
Baxter	1	7	9	5	11	11	2167	171	180	433	109	147
Benton	23	20	28	32	36	48	523	294	257	376	163	150
Boone	8	11	11	10	12	21	349	123	163	279	112	86
Bradley	2	2	2	2	6	5	489	259	334	489	86	133
Calhoun	2	2	1	0	2	2	186	94	257	0	94	129
Carroll	4	7	8	5	9	10	408	117	138	327	91	111
Chicot	2	7	6	1	6	7	583	90	132	1165	105	113
Clark	4	2	6	4	7	9	354	379	165	354	108	110
Clay	1	5	3	1	7	10	1333	124	262	1333	89	79
Cleburne	5	9	7	3	8	13	310	96	150	517	108	81
Cleveland	0	1	3	0	4	7	0	345	155	0	86	66
Columbia	1	8	8	1	12	12	2013	131	178	2013	88	119
Conway	2	6	5	3	10	10	759	141	202	506	84	101
Craighead	8	16	18	15	31	37	820	197	215	437	102	105
Crawford	3	17	23	10	23	20	1615	149	128	485	110	147
Crittenden	0	16	13	1	19	26	0	160	217	5242	135	108
Cross	2	4	5	4	7	9	922	243	239	461	139	133
Dallas	0	4	4	1	3	8	0	107	129	719	143	65
Desha	1	6	5	1	10	9	1522	135	201	1522	81	112
Drew	2	4	5	1	7	10	736	192	189	1471	110	95
Faulkner	10	15	16	12	28	32	669	229	264	557	123	132
Franklin	2	9	10	2	10	8	821	95	111	821	85	138
Fulton	0	3	2	1	5	5	0	133	254	737	80	102
Garland	8	24	16	9	19	30	722	129	238	641	162	127
Grant	2	1	9	3	7	12	1094	1118	153	729	160	115
Greene	5	7	7	4	12	14	626	217	260	783	127	130
Hempstead	1	5	5	0	9	11	1933	173	236	0	96	107
Hot Spring	2	11	6	5	13	17	1235	118	272	494	100	96
Howard	0	5	8	2	6	9	0	152	114	694	127	101
Independ	9	10	15	7	15	21	275	138	114	354	92	81
Izard	2	7	6	0	10	9	449	69	98	0	48	65
Jackson	1	5	4	2	8	8	1222	127	200	611	79	100
Jefferson	8	20	17	15	19	26	863	182	253	460	191	165
Johnson	1	11	7	4	12	13	1933	84	165	483	77	89
Lafayette	0	2	3	0	3	7	0	171	155	0	114	66
Lawrence	1	4	5	2	9	13	1485	190	199	743	84	77

COMMITMENT TO AESTHETICS

	K-5th PE teachers	6th-8th PE teachers	9th-12th PE teachers	K-5th Arts teachers	6th-8th Arts teachers	9th-12th Arts teachers	RATIO OF STUDENTS TO TEACHERS: K-5th PE	6th-8th PE	9TH-12th PE	K-5th Arts	6th-8th Arts	9th-12th Arts
Lee	0	3	3	0	4	3	0	156	186	0	117	186
Lincoln	1	2	4	3	2	6	998	238	153	333	238	102
Little River	1	2	3	3	5	6	969	262	201	323	105	100
Logan	4	7	6	5	8	7	414	119	176	331	104	151
Lonoke	5	9	8	8	22	22	979	297	387	612	121	141
Madison	3	4	6	4	7	7	396	156	140	297	89	120
Marion	0	4	3	1	7	7	0	147	244	988	84	105
Miller	7	6	6	10	9	13	444	194	315	311	172	145
Mississippi	6	15	21	6	22	27	778	149	132	778	102	103
Monroe	0	3	3	0	7	7	0	145	193	0	62	83
Montgomery	0	3	3	0	5	6	0	110	147	0	66	74
Nevada	2	1	4	1	5	7	436	430	157	871	86	90
Newton	0	3	4	0	4	6	0	115	112	0	86	75
Ouachita	3	16	6	8	10	12	792	82	280	297	132	140
Perry	0	2	5	1	4	8	0	216	109	869	108	68
Phillips	3	6	9	2	9	13	930	229	173	1395	153	120
Pike	0	4	4	0	7	8	0	145	163	0	83	81
Poinsett	4	9	8	7	10	14	559	123	173	320	111	99
Polk	1	9	8	2	10	10	1663	95	131	832	86	105
Pope	15	13	13	10	18	20	290	179	217	436	130	141
Prairie	0	1	4	2	5	6	0	379	126	339	76	84
Pulaski	0	49	52	2	78	116	0	243	293	12306	153	132
Randolph	2	6	7	3	9	12	641	120	127	427	80	74
Saline	7	21	25	14	25	25	810	139	143	405	117	143
Scott	2	1	0	5	1	4	393	412	0	157	412	117
Searcy	1	4	3	1	5	6	565	81	143	565	65	71
Sebastian	9	31	52	13	33	45	965	137	109	668	129	126
Sevier	2	4	3	2	5	9	776	167	273	776	133	91
Sharp	4	7	4	4	10	10	360	109	219	360	77	87
St. Francis	0	4	7	3	9	11	0	239	190	902	106	121
Stone	2	1	3	2	3	1	386	438	164	386	146	492
Union	9	18	19	9	24	26	415	112	135	415	84	99
Van Buren	3	7	6	2	9	12	372	83	128	559	64	64
Washington	10	33	42	19	67	54	1259	188	184	663	93	143
White	9	16	17	16	24	26	614	171	190	345	114	124
Woodruff	0	2	3	0	6	5	0	177	150	0	59	90
Yell	3	11	11	2	14	14	643	89	100	964	70	78
STATE	243	650	710	344	936	1131	861	163	185	608	113	116

ART PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Children Served by Arts Council's Programs (Includes children attending more than 1 program)

County	Arts In Education	Arts In Parks	Arts On Tour
Arkansas	1516		
Ashley	109		
Baxter	278		
Benton	50	7708	
Boone	100	4601	
Bradley			
Calhoun	315		
Carroll	155		
Chicot	574	15	
Clark	25	1863	
Clay	618		
Cleburne	1503		
Cleveland	142		
Columbia	8114	4000	
Conway	3339		
Craighead	500	774	
Crawford	3221		
Crittenden	2525		
Cross	605		
Dallas			
Desha	4509		
Drew	330	2825	692
Faulkner	130	2223	
Franklin			
Fulton	260		
Garland	95	4816	
Grant			
Greene	2149		
Hempstead	3463	1500	3044
Hot Spring	1040		
Howard			
Independence	17	1086	
Izard	1324		
Jackson	7741		
Jefferson	341	2214	
Johnson	2657		
Lafayette			
Lawrence	1103		
Lee	1124		
Lincoln	129		
Little River	24197	410	
Logan	900		
Lonoke	540	3835	
Madison	32		
Marion	2851		
Miller	1112		
Mississippi	7000	102	
Monroe	550		
Montgomery			
Nevada	80	400	
Newton	350		
Ouachita	775		
Perry			
Phillips	107	2759	
Pike			
Poinsett	2494		
Polk	820		
Pope	1000	3426	
Prairie	400		
Pulaski	39123	10	230,112
Randolph	400		
Saline	2859		
Scott			
Searcy	780		
Sebastian	500	4022	
Sevier	1934		
Sharp	6	1356	
St. Francis	520		
Stone			
Union	1125	1017	
Van Buren	3822		
Washington	10362	9397	
White	2100		
Woodruff	803		
Yell	283		
TOTAL	100506	4973	346654

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Arkansas State Parks	County	Cabins	Camping	Swimming	Fishing	Launch Ramp	Lodge	Marina	Museum	Nature Trail	Park Store	Picnic Area	Golf Tennis
Bull Shoals	Baxter		•		•	•				•	•	•	
Beaver Lake	Benton			•						•			
Moro Bay	Bradley		•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	
Lake Chicot	Chicot	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	
DeGray	Clark		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Logoly	Columbia				•				•	•		•	
Petit Jean	Conway	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
Lake Frierson	Craighead		•		•	•				•		•	
Lake Fort Smith	Crawford	•	•	•	•	•				•		•	•
Parkin	Cross				•				•	•			
Village Creek	Cross	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•
Woolly Hollow	Faulkner		•	•	•	•				•		•	
Mammoth Spring	Fulton				•				•	•		•	
Lake Ouachita	Garland	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	
Jenkin's Ferry Mon.	Grant			•	•							•	
Crowley's Ridge	Greene	•	•	•	•	•				•		•	
Old Washington	Hempstead								•		•	•	
Lake Catherine	Hot Spring	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	
Jacksonport	Jackson		•	•	•	•			•	•		•	
Lake Charles	Lawrence		•	•	•	•		•		•		•	
Powhatan Courthouse	Lawrence								•				
Cane Creek	Lincoln		•		•	•				•		•	
Millwood	Little River		•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	
Toltec Mounds	Lonoke								•			•	
Withrow Springs	Madison		•	•	•					•		•	•
Hampson Museum	Mississippi								•			•	
White Oak Lake	Nevada		•		•	•				•	•	•	
Poison Spring Mon.	Ouachita									•		•	
LA Purchase Monument	Phillips/Lee									•			
Crater Of Diamonds	Pike		•						•	•		•	
Daisy	Pike		•	•	•	•				•			
Lake Poinsett	Poinsett		•		•	•				•		•	
Cossatot River	Polk			•	•					•		•	
Queen Wilhelmina	Polk		•				•		•	•	•	•	
Lake Dardanelle	Pope		•	•	•	•		•		•		•	
Prairie County Museum	Prairie								•				
Pinnacle Mountain	Pulaski				•	•			•	•	•	•	
Plantation Agri. Museum	Pulaski								•				

OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

	County	Cabins	Camping	Swimming	Fishing	Launch Ramp	Lodge	Marina	Museum	Nature Trail	Park Store	Picnic Area	Golf Tennis
Old Davidsonville	Randolph		•		•	•				•		•	
Ozark Folk Center	Stone			•			•			•		•	
Arkansas Museum Nature	Union			•					•			•	
So. Ark. Arboretum	Union									•		•	
Devil's Den	Washington	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	
Prairie Grove	Washington								•	•		•	
Mount Nebo	Yell	•	•	•					•	•	•	•	•
National Park Service													
Arkansas Post	Arkansas								•	•		•	
Pea Ridge	Benton								•				
Fort Smith	Crawford												
Hot Springs	Garland		•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•	
Buffalo National River	Marion/Searcy	•	•	•	•					•		•	
US Forest Service													
Redding	Franklin		•		•					•			
Shores Lake	Franklin		•	•	•	•						•	
White Rock	Franklin	•	•									•	
Charlton	Garland		•	•						•		•	
Hickory Nut Mtn.	Garland		•									•	
Iron Springs	Garland		•							•		•	
Barkshed	Izard		•		•					•		•	
Gunner Pool	Izard		•		•					•			
Haw Creek Falls	Johnson		•		•					•			
Horsehead Lake	Johnson		•	•	•					•		•	
Ozone	Johnson		•										
Wolf Pen	Johnson		•	•						•		•	
Bear Creek Lake	Lee		•	•	•					•		•	
Cove Lake	Logan		•	•	•	•				•		•	
Jack Creek	Logan		•	•	•					•		•	
Magazine Mtn.	Logan		•							•		•	
Albert Pike	Montgomery		•	•	•					•		•	
Big Brushy	Montgomery		•		•					•		•	
Collier Springs	Montgomery											•	
Crystal	Montgomery		•	•						•		•	
Dragover	Montgomery		•	•	•	•				•		•	
Fulton Branch	Montgomery		•	•	•					•		•	
Little Missouri Falls	Montgomery		•		•					•		•	
River Bluff	Montgomery		•	•	•	•				•		•	

OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

	County	Cabins	Camping	Swimming	Fishing	Launch Ramp	Lodge	Marina	Museum	Nature Trail	Park Store	Picnic Area	Golf Tennis
Rocky Shoals	Montgomery		•	•	•	•				•		•	
Alum Cove	Newton									•		•	
Fairview	Newton		•							•			
Lake Sylvia	Perry		•	•	•							•	
South Fourche	Perry		•		•	•						•	
Storm Creek Lake	Phillips		•	•	•	•				•		•	
Bard Springs	Polk			•	•							•	
Rich Mountain	Polk									•		•	
Shady Lake	Polk		•	•	•	•						•	
Bayou Bluff	Pope		•		•					•		•	
Long Pool	Pope		•	•	•							•	
Knopper's Ford	Scott		•	•						•			
Little Pines	Scott		•	•	•	•				•			
Mill Creek	Scott		•	•	•					•			
Richland Creek	Searcy		•	•	•					•		•	
Blanchard Springs	Stone		•	•	•								
Brock Creek	Van Buren		•		•					•		•	
Lake Wedington	Washington	•	•	•	•					•		•	
Fourche Mtn.	Yell		•							•		•	
Spring Lake	Yell		•	•	•	•							
Corps of Engineers													
Norfork Lake	Baxter		•	•	•	•		•		•		•	
Beaver Lake	Benton		•	•	•	•		•		•		•	
Table Rock Lake	Carroll		•	•	•	•		•				•	
Lake Chicot	Chicot		•	•	•	•							
DeGray Lake	Clark		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Greers Ferry Lake	Cleburne		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	
Arkansas River	Conway		•		•	•		•		•		•	
Ozark Lake	Franklin		•		•	•				•		•	
Millwood Lake	Little River		•	•	•	•		•		•		•	
Blue Mountain Lake	Logan		•	•	•	•				•		•	
Bull Shoals Lake	Marion		•	•	•	•		•		•		•	
Lake Ouachita			•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Ouachita River	Ouachita		•		•	•						•	
Lake Greeson	Pike		•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	
Gillham Lake	Polk/Howard		•	•	•	•				•		•	
Lake Dardanelle	Pope/Johnson		•	•	•	•		•		•		•	
DeQueen Lake	Sevier		•	•	•	•				•		•	
Dierks Lake	Sevier		•	•	•	•				•		•	
Nimrod Lake	Yell		•	•	•	•				•		•	

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

	Girl Scouts	Cub and Boy Scouts	Public-access computers in libraries	4-H clubs	Youth in 4-H clubs	Schools participating in "Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs"
Arkansas	105	274	8	8	2167	0
Ashley	133		9	8	1591	1
Baxter	227	497	7	7	500	1
Benton	836	1931	10	17	1446	0
Boone	284	516	4	11	643	0
Bradley	141		7	3	351	0
Calhoun	71		2	6	1175	0
Carroll	196	200	10	8	354	0
Chicot	22		9	6	1235	2
Clark	91	336	2	8	79	0
Clay	258	156	12	7	1399	0
Cleburne	189	205	9	11	237	0
Cleveland	9		5	3	348	0
Columbia	156		5	9	536	0
Conway	84	211	3	15	1070	0
Craighead	1073	609	25	11	2842	0
Crawford	222	893	10	10	655	0
Crittenden	159		10	4	657	0
Cross	281	122	12	5	58	0
Dallas	70		4	3	679	0
Desha	74		11	11	1184	0
Drew	102		18	4	1231	0
Faulkner	823	733	33	15	2169	3
Franklin	88	151	8	12	854	0
Fulton	127	10	6	16	1658	0
Garland	417	2007	12	21	3254	4
Grant	105	209	6	34	1228	1
Greene	317	271	9	13	4269	1
Hempstead	142	268	14	10	1226	0
Hot Spring	281	187	9	20	1202	0
Howard	47	105	12	18	1416	0
Independence	342	271	4	16	1626	1
Izard	52	50	4	10	1633	0
Jackson	150	92	4	8	738	0
Jefferson	445	833	30	35	3518	2
Johnson	151	282	5	8	654	0
Lafayette	39	122	4	4	531	0
Lawrence	231	98	7	8	907	0
Lee	15		2	2	221	0

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

	Girl Scouts	Cub and Boy Scouts	Public-access computers in libraries	4-H clubs	Youth in 4-H clubs	Schools participating in "Hooked on Fishing and Not on Drugs"
Lincoln	37	51	4	1	1279	0
Little River	4	126	10	10	608	0
Logan	161	427	7	12	1930	0
Lonoke	587	454	13	10	2411	1
Madison	96	218	4	10	971	0
Marion	67	193	2	10	1288	0
Miller	366	572	13	4	2404	0
Mississippi	414	263	10	5	3338	0
Monroe	79	121	0	2	4895	0
Montgomery	45	83	1	7	581	0
Nevada	55	41	4	3	477	0
Newton	80	182	1	7	296	0
Ouachita	109		6	22	1343	0
Perry	10	13	7	4	471	0
Phillips	110	98	9	2	695	0
Pike	0	69	7	14	879	0
Poinsett	352	133	10	1	6437	0
Polk	153	272	6	8	2182	0
Pope	387	716	15	14	2444	1
Prairie	20	274	4	6	729	0
Pulaski	4757	8881	152	34	4593	4
Randolph	213	74	6	4	380	0
Saline	465	1457	11	18	8630	1
Scott	83	68	2	32	286	0
Searcy	60	49	2	11	595	0
Sebastian	749	2903	31	11	1234	1
Sevier	71	64	14	7	682	2
Sharp	184	52	4	5	470	0
St. Francis	532	155	6	7	273	0
Stone	65	99	6	6	428	1
Union	64		7	14	2293	0
Van Buren	67	26	6	6	218	0
Washington	1369	2393	45	23	5492	2
White	444	561	33	57	1187	0
Woodruff	120	30	8	2	903	0
Yell	175	310	18	7	3554	0
STATE	21105	33067	845	821	114417	

County	District	Percent Reading at Grade Level 4th Grade	8th Grade	Per Pupil Expenditure($)
Arkansas	Gillett	57	37	4961
Arkansas	Humphrey	27	53	4866
Arkansas	DeWitt	46	21	4253
Arkansas	Stuttgart	29	33	4129
Ashley	Crossett	29	21	4432
Ashley	Fountain Hill	27	n/a	5158
Ashley	Hamburg	52	46	4494
Baxter	Cotter	75	28	4153
Baxter	Mountain Home	55	29	4213
Baxter	Norfork	78	18	4851
Benton	Siloam Springs	62	27	4534
Benton	Gentry	41	28	4258
Benton	Gravette	29	21	4332
Benton	Rogers	58	31	4417
Benton	Decatur	47	5	4681
Benton	Pea Ridge	38	33	4637
Benton	Bentonville	78	43	4304
Boone	Lead Hill	91	29	5057
Boone	Alpena	58	n/a	4673
Boone	Omaha	48	52	5155
Boone	Valley Springs	49	30	4528
Boone	Bergman	59	50	3867
Boone	Harrison	66	35	4324
Bradley	Hermitage	48	6	4917
Bradley	Warren	48	26	4451
Calhoun	Hampton	30	35	4558
Carroll	Berryville	65	15	4213
Carroll	Eureka Springs	63	32	4140
Carroll	Green Forest	51	31	4429
Chicot	Eudora	45	22	4981
Chicot	Dermott	16	32	5180
Chicot	Lakeside	32	21	4325
Clark	Arkadelphia	41	25	4609
Clark	Gurdon	31	12	4586
Clay	Piggott	47	49	3695
Clay	Clay Co. Central	42	23	4066
Clay	Corning	49	45	4290
STATE AVERAGE		47	24	4679

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Cleburne	Wilburn	64	57	5402
Cleburne	Heber Springs	44	26	4367
Cleburne	Quitman	60	15	4663
Cleburne	West Side	31	28	3928
Cleburne	Concord	21	19	4558
Cleveland	Rison	44	47	4249
Cleveland	Kingsland	60	9	4345
Cleveland	Woodlawn	62	38	3818
Columbia	Taylor	50	n/a	4901
Columbia	Magnolia	33	12	3999
Columbia	Walker	n/a	8	4896
Columbia	Emerson	39	7	4580
Columbia	Waldo	8	n/a	4412
Columbia	McNeil	16	11	4402
Conway	Nemo Vista	70	16	4220
Conway	South Conway Co.	60	26	4497
Conway	Wonderview	41	25	4168
Craighead	Jonesboro	53	29	4620
Craighead	Bay	39	44	4270
Craighead	Brookland	26	9	4305
Craighead	Buffalo Island Central	67	40	4449
Craighead	Westside	41	21	4479
Craighead	Valley View	80	28	4512
Craighead	Riverside	53	20	4233
Craighead	Nettleton	63	27	4538
Crawford	Mountainburg	28	22	4718
Crawford	Cedarville	60	14	4238
Crawford	Mulberry	44	22	4399
Crawford	Alma	40	31	4375
Crawford	Van Buren	55	36	4351
Crittenden	Earle	24	8	4198
Crittenden	Crawfordsville	23	7	6013
Crittenden	West Memphis	34	18	3983
Crittenden	Marion	57	22	4378
Crittenden	Turrell	29	6	4849
Cross	Cross Co.	35	22	4400
Cross	Wynne	34	26	4009

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Cross	Parkin	14	n/a	4266
Dallas	Sparkman	53	13	5141
Dallas	Fordyce	34	15	4755
Dallas	Carthage	43	n/a	5978
Desha	Delta	27	30	5035
Desha	Arkansas City	57	25	8145
Desha	McGehee	26	16	4455
Desha	Dumas	30	23	4436
Drew	Monticello	47	31	4338
Drew	Drew Central	37	3	4279
Faulkner	Greenbrier	43	33	4015
Faulkner	Mount Vernon-Enola	41	20	4259
Faulkner	Guy-Perkins	50	33	4715
Faulkner	Vilonia	64	17	4160
Faulkner	Mayflower	29	16	4254
Faulkner	Conway	61	30	4405
Franklin	Ozark	54	25	3993
Franklin	Charleston	61	25	3957
Franklin	Altus-Denning	35	8	5001
Franklin	Pleasant View	29	5	4219
Franklin	County Line	50	9	4099
Fulton	Viola	52	30	4209
Fulton	Salem	63	41	4156
Fulton	Mammoth Spring	71	32	4515
Garland	Mountain Pine	33	12	4210
Garland	Lakeside-Garland	68	59	4408
Garland	Cutter-Morning Star	66	42	4124
Garland	Fountain Lake	44	22	4627
Garland	Lake Hamilton	60	24	4341
Garland	Jessieville	49	33	4919
Garland	Hot Springs	46	19	5413
Grant	Sheridan	47	22	4232
Grant	Poyen	61	5	3930
Greene	Marmaduke	47	31	4027
Greene	Delaplaine	47	25	4478
Greene	Greene Co.Tech	54	47	4161
Greene	Paragould	59	21	4589
STATE AVERAGE		47	24	4679

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Hempstead	Blevins	28	19	4615
Hempstead	Hope	37	22	4811
Hot Spring	Ouachita	54	35	4704
Hot Spring	Glen Rose	57	17	4376
Hot Spring	Malvern	24	24	4893
Hot Spring	Spring Hill	67	16	4189
Hot Spring	Bismarck	45	23	4173
Hot Spring	Magnet Cove	56	20	4885
Hot Spring	Saratoga	8	7	5962
Howard	Nashville	34	22	4173
Howard	Mineral Springs	50	12	4300
Howard	Umpire	80	25	9476
Howard	Dierks	68	11	4224
Independence	Cord-Charlotte	93	24	4452
Independence	Batesville	66	29	4549
Independence	Southside	57	13	4347
Independence	Newark	38	47	6592
Independence	Midland	44	28	4537
Independence	Sulphur Rock	62	7	4430
Independence	Cushman	31	36	4839
Izard	Calico Rock	43	38	4115
Izard	Mount Pleasant	47	91	4542
Izard	Izard Co.	76	36	4625
Izard	Melbourne	66	54	4305
Jackson	Jackson Co.	66	5	3968
Jackson	Newport	32	10	4574
Jackson	Swifton	47	n/a	4753
Jefferson	Watson Chapel	28	12	4481
Jefferson	Pine Bluff	19	10	5755
Jefferson	White Hall	50	36	4915
Jefferson	Altheimer Unified	19	5	4135
Jefferson	Dollarway	20	15	4658
Johnson	Oark	27	18	6530
Johnson	Clarksville	68	38	4113
Johnson	West-Side	75	31	4152
Lafayette	Lewisville	45	19	5141
Lafayette	Bradley	31	21	4370

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Lafayette	Stamps	29	10	4348
Lawrence	River Valley	39	48	4707
Lawrence	Hoxie	37	15	4485
Lawrence	Walnut Ridge	27	31	4098
Lawrence	Lynn	37	20	4668
Lawrence	Black Rock	67	29	4284
Lawrence	Sloan-Hendrix	62	20	3993
Lee	Lee Co.	11	9	4723
Lincoln	Gould	22	N/A	4182
Lincoln	Grady	11	6	5087
Lincoln	Star City	51	33	4213
Little River	Ashdown	31	19	5164
Little River	Foreman	57	21	4584
Logan	Paris	45	11	4174
Logan	Booneville	74	42	4307
Logan	Scranton	64	24	4173
Logan	Magazine	n/a	32	4531
Lonoke	England	31	3	4249
Lonoke	Carlisle	51	34	4528
Lonoke	Cabot	55	31	3940
Lonoke	Lonoke	50	17	4454
Madison	Kingston	62	12	5335
Madison	Saint Paul	62	15	4521
Madison	Huntsville	52	32	3953
Marion	Marion Co.	47	26	4668
Marion	Yellville-Summit	39	33	4307
Marion	Flippin	42	16	4257
Miller	Texarkana	48	15	4906
Miller	Fouke	62	52	4475
Miller	Genoa Central	68	20	4389
Miller	Bright Star	67	18	5636
Mississippi	Gosnell	23	28	5780
Mississippi	Manila	51	17	3990
Mississippi	Armorel	40	30	4707
Mississippi	Osceola	30	12	4677
Mississippi	Blytheville	29	23	4426
Mississippi	South Mississippi	36	11	4910
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Monroe	Brinkley	33	14	4410
Monroe	Clarendon	57	29	4423
Monroe	Holly Grove	20	4830	
Montgomery	Oden	78	16	4794
Montgomery	Caddo Hills	42	8	4177
Montgomery	Mount Ida	31	39	3876
Nevada	Nevada	24	14	4512
Nevada	Prescott	57	20	4255
Nevada	Emmet	33	24	3804
Newton	Deer	50	43	5095
Newton	Western Grove	41	24	4538
Newton	Mount Judea	60	19	5307
Newton	Jasper	32	18	4526
Ouachita	Harmony Grove	43	9	4052
Ouachita	Bearden	40	13	4399
Ouachita	Stephens	23	13	4412
Ouachita	Camden-Fairview	38	15	4704
Perry	East End	40	18	4411
Perry	Perryville	67	32	4586
Perry	Perry-Casa	17	9	5107
Phillips	Helena-West Helena	18	4	4438
Phillips	Lake View	40	n/a	5066
Phillips	Marvell	31	6	4016
Phillips	Elaine	20	8	4521
Phillips	Barton-Lexa	21	6	4241
Pike	Delight	59	4	4517
Pike	Kirby	62	31	4478
Pike	Murfreesboro	30	26	4450
Pike	Centerpoint	53	22	4410
Poinsett	Weiner	68	18	4903
Poinsett	Marked Tree	37	14	4861
Poinsett	East Poinsett Co.	30	7	4326
Poinsett	Trumann	30	22	4476
Poinsett	Harrisburg	34	13	4407
Polk	Acorn	42	45	4590
Polk	Wickes	54	26	3941
Polk	Hatfield	46	40	4315

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Polk	Van Cove	61	24	4807
Polk	Mena	66	24	4193
Pope	Russellville	68	39	4791
Pope	Pottsville	30	32	4298
Pope	Hector	50	12	4655
Pope	Atkins	50	23	4474
Pope	Dover	57	25	4507
Prairie	DeValls Bluff	47	33	4243
Prairie	Hazen	n/a	42	4175
Prairie	Des Arc	48	46	3889
Pulaski	Little Rock	41	15	6984
Pulaski	North Little Rock	38	22	5540
Pulaski	Pulaski County	40	21	5532
Randolph	Pocahontas	45	9	4296
Randolph	Biggers-Reyno	44	55	5234
Randolph	Maynard	31	10	4341
Randolph	Randolph Co.	57	32	4489
Saline	Harmony Grove	50	28	4298
Saline	Paron	65	7	6930
Saline	Bryant	50	23	4142
Saline	Benton	54	28	4489
Saline	Bauxite	47	17	4194
Scott	Waldron	43	34	4107
Searcy	Marshall	46	29	4651
Searcy	Saint Joe	56	42	4549
Searcy	Leslie	42	33	4740
Searcy	Witt Springs	33	20	8523
Sebastian	Hartford	38	18	4638
Sebastian	Greenwood	61	24	4102
Sebastian	Hackett	21	42	4448
Sebastian	Lavaca	56	31	4096
Sebastian	Fort Smith	51	19	5168
Sebastian	Mansfield	49	18	4013
Sevier	DeQueen	54	37	3710
Sevier	Lockesburg	31	4	4618
Sevier	Horatio	58	18	4000
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Sharp	Williford	67	5	5047
Sharp	Highland	44	41	4336
Sharp	Cave City	71	24	4495
Sharp	Evening Shade	42	53	4646
St. Francis	Forrest City	30	7	4624
St. Francis	Palestine-Wheatley	32	5	4288
St. Francis	Hughes	30	7	5204
Stone	Rural	50	25	5085
Stone	Stone Co.	42	8	5232
Stone	Mountain View	40	23	4186
Union	El Dorado	46	22	4455
Union	Mount Holly	38	6	5927
Union	Parkers Chapel	40	19	4229
Union	Norphlet	46	21	4310
Union	Smackover	63	21	4829
Union	Strong	54	17	4677
Union	Union	65	38	2354
Union	Huttig	20	20	5870
Union	Junction City	40	27	4486
Van Buren	Clinton	52	24	3825
Van Buren	Alread	67	29	7114
Van Buren	Scotland	18	25	5628
Van Buren	South Side	44	16	4362
Van Buren	Shirley	62	23	4662
Washington	Springdale	56	21	4554
Washington	Fayetteville	62	53	5262
Washington	Lincoln	38	34	4736
Washington	Farmington	61	19	4134
Washington	Elkins	77	24	4395
Washington	Winslow	35	22	4790
Washington	Prairie Grove	59	11	4050
Washington	West Fork	51	27	4577
Washington	Greenland	30	12	4221
White	Bald Knob	47	20	4573
White	Pangburn	64	30	4087
White	Bradford	38	31	4422

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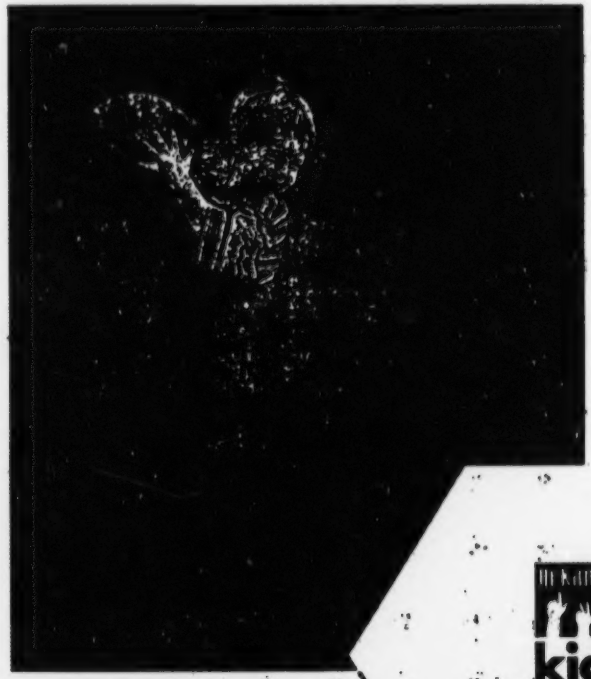
White	Beebe	39	26	4213
White	Rose Bud	44	26	4165
White	Riverview	62	24	3881
White	McRae	48	13	4518
White	Searcy	63	39	4045
White	White Co. Central	52	27	4123
Woodruff	McCrory	40	14	4060
Woodruff	Cotton Plant	22	n/a	5424
Woodruff	Augusta	16	7	4642
Yell	Plainview-Rover	27	50	4441
Yell	Ola	59	24	4319
Yell	Western Yell Co.	41	38	4306
Yell	Danville	44	17	4216
Yell	Fourche Valley	63	8	6603
Yell	Dardanelle	42	19	4106
STATE AVERAGE		47	24	4679



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